KNOIIIT-COUNTY (Ky): Act to est. the co. was intro. in G.A. by Robert Bates, Letcher Co. rep. who was once its sheriff and was to assume that position in K. Co. (Gerald Griffin on K. Co's. early hist. in the LCJ Mag. 12/1/1957, Pp. 70-2); Ky's 118th co. 352 sq. mi. The co's. 1st settlers may have included the Johnsons on Carr Fk. in 1786. By 1825 other pion. families incl. Breeding, Johnson, Amburgey, Francis, Slone, Combs, Jones, Hall, Gibson, Martin, etc. Relatively isolated. "Substantial settlement" began only with its creation as a co. Mineral & timber exploitation began only with the 1890s. Coal prod'n. on Yellow Creek by the mid. 1920s, incl. Wisconsin Coal Co. A coal camp at Yellow Creek ALC. Hind. Settlement Sch. opened in 1902
by May Stone & Katherine Pettit. Lotts Creek Settle. Sch. & Commu. Ctr. at Cordia est. 1928 by Alice Slone. County's pop. 14,700 (1970), 17,900 (1980), 17,900 (1990). (Ron Daley in Ky. Ency., 1992, P. 523); Its 1997 est. pop.=18,000; The co. is in the highly dissected e. Ky. coal fields. Little level land except in the relatively narrow stream valleys. No major river. Drained by tribs. of N. Fk. (Ky. R) and Rt. Beaver of the BSR; Knott Co. is geographically one of the most difficult co's. in Ky. to anticipate dev't. Inaccessible. Several of the state's major river systems begin here. (The BSR, the Ky R., and the Licking.) Isolated. New Ky 80 has relieved pressure on Hind. Coal dominated economy;
KNOTT COUNTY (Ky): Knott Co. is drained by the head streams of the N. Fk. on the west, Right Beaver on the n and e. with their dividing ridge just e of Hind. (Thomas Life Among the Hills, P. 340); Major streams: Trouble~m~e, Carr Fk., Jones, Balls and Caney Forks of Rt. Beaver. (Ibid.);
KNOTT COUNTY (Ky): Here lie the head forks of several rivers but it's the only co. in Ky. that's not actually on a river itself; The law creating Knott Co. was enacted by the G.A. on 5/5/1884. The state's 118th county in order of establishment; Knott Co's. coal resources were late in being developed due to its relative inaccessibility. Few decent roads till after WWII. The 1st mining of any significance was in the 1920s on Yellow Creek nr. the Perry Co. line by Perkbowl (a local company) and Wisconsin Coal Co. and only with the L&N. (Wm. T. Cornett in Cent. Ed. of the Troublesome Creek Times, 7/25/84, Sect. D, P. 1);
KNOTT COUNTY, KY: Acc. to Long, it was created on 5/15/1884 from Breathitt, Floyd, Letcher, and Perry Co's. at 350 sq. miles. On 5/12/1890 it gained 10 sq. mi. from Perry Co. (incl. Cordia and Anco in SW part of the county); 352 sq. mi. "This co. was est. in 1884 from parts of Floyd, Perry, Breathitt, and Letcher Co's. and named for J. Proctor Knott (1830-1911), gov. of Ky. from 1883 to 1887." (Book-P: 162); "All of Iris man and Carr Creeks and upper Troublesome were in Letcher Co. Lotts and Yellow Creeks and lower Troublesome were in Perry Co. Beaver, Jones Fk, Caney, Upper Quicksand, and Salt Lick were in Floyd Co. (1995 co. hist., P. 22); On 5/12/1890 K. Co. acquired 10 mi from Perry Co. (Long); In 1887 a bound ch added 9000 acres to K. Co. or a total of 2250 sq. mi.
Lee Stewart, late Knott Co. historian, was most authoritative person on Knott & Perry Co's. till his death in Morehead in the 1950s. He wrote a col. for the Morehead News called "Reminiscing with Lee Stewart". Wrote about moonshining. Articles about him appeared in the Lex. newsp. and the LCJ. (Scalf); Bill Francis, the ag. agent in Hind., tried unsuccessfully to est. a co. hist'l. soc, probably in the 1960s. (Lionel Duff);
ADDIE (Knott County, Ky.) p.o. est. 5/15/1909 with Robert Hall, 1st p.m. Disc. 6/30/1910. (Acc. to the National Archives); Acc. to Robt. Hall, 2/09, this proposed p.o. would be serving something called Gig ? and would be 2 mi n of Dirk p.o., 4 mi s of Brinkley p.o., on Carr Creek.// In Sept. 1909, Abraham Toliver pet. for a site ch. 1 mi ne to a pt. 2 mi n of Dirk p.o., 5 mi w of Pine Top p.o., 2 3/4 mi s of Brinkley p.o., still on Carrs Fork. (SLR); No Robt. Hall or Addie listed in 1900 Census;
AMAZON (Knott Co., Ky): po est. 5/5/1906, James D. Hale; Disc. eff. 3/15/1907 (mail to Pine Top) (POR-NA); Acc. to Jas. D. Hale, 3/26/06, the 1st name proposed for this new po was Afton and it would be 3 mi w of Omaha po, 3½ mi e of Pinetop po, on the s side of Carrs Fk. It would serve a vil. of 150. (SLR);
AMBURGEY (Knott Co., Ky): The po closed betw. Jan. 1993 and Jan. 1996, but officially closed in 1998, (Sweaney); The po served Irishman and Trace families; The Amburgey commu. was 1st settled by Maddens, Mullins, Watts, and Everages. In the early 19 cent. Maddens settled and owned most of Irishman. In 1948-9 the po opened in Newton Amburgey's store and thus its name. Ida Madden Amburgey was its 1st pm. She was succeeded by Nora Amburgey. Then Henrietta Stout. Was disc. 1991-2. Hiram Gibson's store. Other stores at the mouth of Trace. Hagar Madden had a store at the mouth of Madden Fk. Albert Gibson's store was "halfway up Trace". Little Beth. Reg. Bap. Chu. was relocated for the impoundment. (1995 K. Co. hist., P. 54);
AMBURGEY (Knott Co.): po est. 1/5/1898, Wiley Amburgey, rescinded 4/21/1898 (NA); On Irishman Creek. Newton & Ida Amburgey were 1st pm, betw. 1932-40. Named for the number of Amburgeys in that area. Until the po was est. people got their mail from Smithsboro. Nora Amburgey is current pm. see Hemerretta Stout. (Lucille Combs, interview, 3/9/1979); Acc. to Mrs. Ida Amburgey, 1/6/1936, the 1st name proposed for this new po was Ida (but this was already in use). It would be 2 mi n of Cars-Fk. (sic), 75 yds w of Irishman Creek, 3 mi n of Smithsboro po, 7 mi s of Hind: po, 5 mi ne of Sassafras po, 5 mi n of Vicco po & rr sta. (SLR);
AMBURGEY (Knott Co., Ky): Ambrose marr. Dianah (nee Adams), the daughter of Jessie and Margaret (Maggard) Adams of Letcher Co. Letcher's first ct. was held in her grandfather Moses' yard. Wiley Amburgey was the so of Ambrose who owned the land where Littcarr, Bath, Does, and Amelia were located. Ambrose was the son of Rev. War vet. John Amburgey who had earlier owned land where Spider, Pinetop, and Omaha were located. Acc. to 1920 Census, Ida Amburgey (23) lived with husband John (25) in Dist. #2-Upper Carr. No Lola in family; John Jess Amburgey (1863-1904) was #Little Carr. In 1896 he marr. Lucy Jane Haggins (1870-1962);
Was this man the progenitor of the Amburgeys in e. Ky? John Amburgey (ne 1758, died 5/3/1831) and buried in a graveyard at Joe Bowen’s place on Carr Fork, below the mouth of Branhams Creek, Perry Co. (Acc. to Wm. R. (Rus) Stevens, in col. on Campbell, etc. Co. History, in FALMOUTH OUTLOOK, 4/23/1982, P. 10:1-6, 5); Ambrose Amburgey to Ky. ca. 1825. He purchased the Carr Fk. val. betw. Breedings Creek & upper Smith's Branch. He had come from Clinch R. in Russell Co., Va. with his parents John (died 1831) and Eliz. and his bros. Wm. & Robt. and father-in-law Thos. Francis. Settled on Carr Fk. ca. 1827. Thos. Francis probably owned most of Carr Fk. val. Thos. (1774-1856). (Thos. A. Francis in 1996 K. Co. hist., etc.)
AMBURGEY (or BURGEY) CREEK (Knott Co., Ky): named for early family who, acc. to trad., were "Black Dutch" and derived their name from Am Berge (meaning on the mountain) (WPA); Burgeys Creek was settled in 1827 by Ambrose Amburgey, son-in-law of Thomas Francis. Ambrose's son, Wily (sic) was a surveyor. Wily's log home was later occupied by Jas. Still. Among Wily's sons were Robert, the co. ct. clerk, and Jethro. Also Wm. "Tanner Bill". (Arlena C. Francis, Knott My Beloved, 1997, Pp. 24-5); Acc. to 1880 Letcher Co. Census, Wm. R. Amburgey (11) lived with his father Wiley Amburgey (57). He was grandson of Ambrose and Rebecca (Francis) Amburgey. Wiley's wife and Wm. R's mother was Dianah (nee Adams) (in Prec. #.
AMELIA (Knott County, Ky.) p.o. est. 6/14/1902 with Wm. R. Amburgey, pm. (...). Disc. 5/15/1916 with mail to Redfox. (Acc. to the National Archives); Postal services are now provided by Redfox. PO run by John Jesse and Lucy Jane Hagans Amburgey in their store 1 mi. up Little Carr or Burgeys Creek, on Noah Hale's property and operated by Roulett Hale. Later it was moved across the hill to Ky. 15, Breedings Creek. Here it was run by John & Betty Smith until it closed. Then the name was changed to Red Fox. Hassie Hall is now Red Fox pm. (Lucill Combs, interview, 3/9/1979);
AMELIA (Knott Co., Ky): Acc. to William R. Amburgey, 4/14/02, the 1st name proposed for this new po was Oak and it would be 2½ mi e of Carr Creek, 4 mi w of Bath po, 4½ mi s of Buncomb (sic) po, 5 mi e of Hemlock po. // Acc. to Elam Hale, 7/13/09, the po was 3 mi s of Carr Creek, 4½ mi s of Bath po, 5 mi n of Witch po. // In Apr. 1911, Minnie Homans (?) pet. for a site ch. ca ½ mi s. // Eliz. Smith was pm 6/12/1916 (SLR); No Amelia in any Amburgey family. She was not the mother of Wm. Riley Amburgey (1861-1933) Wm. R. Amburgey (ne 10/1861) lived with wife Dicy (12/64) in Mag. Dist 3-Carr. (1900 Census); The site was early owned by Ambrose Amburgey (Lucille Combs, 3/9/1979);
ANCO (Knott Co., Ky): "This recently closed po lies at the head of Yellow Creek, 2 mi from its confluence with Carr Fk. Creek and 6 (air) mi ssw of Hindman. The po was est. on 10/6/1922, and named for its 1st pm, Anderson Combs." (Book-P. 6);
✓ ANCO (Knott Co., Ky): Acc. to Anderson Combs, 4/29/22, this proposed po would be 100 ft w of Yellow Creek, 2 mi n of Sassafras po, 3 mi s of Elic po, 4 mi w of Smithsboro po, 150 ft w of the L&N RR (whose sta. was Anco), ¼ mi from the co. line. Serving 3 coal camps. No rr agent at Anco Sta. // Acc. to Ethel Combs, 7/28/1939, the po was 2 rd and air mi from Perry Co. line, 2½ mi s of Vicco po (and nearest rail sta.), 50 ft e of Yellow Creek (stream), 1 mi n of Wiscoal po, 3 mi w of Allock po, 7 mi n of Amburgey po, 5 mi e of Kodak po (SLR); closed before 1990;
ANCO (Knott Co.): Named for Anderson Combs, 1st settler. (Hardy's thesis, 1949, P. 43); po est. 10/6/1922, Anderson Combs...(NA); ("An/koh") cf Mabel Sloan, d. of Anderson Combs of Anco, Ky. Active po. (Wilma Gayhart, interview, 11/25/1978); PO has closed Edith Dobson Mullins=last pm and she's now at the Vicco PO in Perry Co. (Lucille Combs, interview, 3/9/1979); Acc. to 1910 Census, Anderson Combs (40) and wife Polly A. (36) lived in Lower Carr #6; Acc. to 1920 Census, Anderson Combs (49 and wife Polly Ann (45) lived in Prec. #6-Lower Carr an is listed as a farmer; Suspended 6/5/87 (Tennife

 lynche, 5/18/00)
ANCO\(\text{(Knott Co., Ky): po on the L\&N RR and Yellow Creek serving 3 coal camps in the 1920s and 30s, employing 300 workers in the early 20s. Incl. the Wisconsin Coal Co. which ceased op. in 1953, Perkins-Bowling, and Knott Coal Corp. which ceased op. in 1957. P-B was bought out by Bluebird Coal and went out of busi. in the 1950s. Anderson Combs was a Knott Coal Corp. foreman and ran local store. His wife Polly Ann "took in borders." Commu. had sch., chu., theater. Little remains. (T. Cr. T. cent. ed, 7/25/84, Sect D, F 1); Acc. to Wilma Gayhart, 7/1979, Anco was the po for Yellow Creek.}
BAKER (Breathitt Co., Ky): po est. 8/23/1882, James Wadkins; 1/3/83, Newton Wadkins; Disc. 9/13/83 (paper to Jackson); Acc. to James Wadkins, 4/29/1882, the proposed name for this new po was first Laurel Fork and then Baker Camp and it would be 10 mi se of Spring Fork po, on Quicksand Creek. [Was this in the future Knott Co?].// Acc. to Newton Wadkins, 11/30/1883, the po was 10 mi s of Licking R., on the s. sid of Quicksand Creek, 10 mi s of Whitakersv. po. (SLR);
James Wadkins, ne 1841 and his wife Francis (sic) (or Frankie) (nee Howard). Their son Newton Wadkins was ne 1862 and marr. Rosanna Mullins; Acc. to the 1870 B. Co. Census, James Watkins (30) and wife Franky (26) lived with their son Newton (8); Acc. to 1880 Census, Jas. Wadkins (39) and wife Frances (38) lived with their son Newton (16); Acc. to 1920 Knott Co. Census, Nancy J. Watkins (53) and husband Floyd (53-?) lived nr. Newton Watkins (57) and his wife Roseanna (48) in Prec. #4-Quicksand, nr James Stacy (53) and his wife Sallyann (55); Acc. to 1910 Knott Co. Census, Newton Watkins (48) and wife Rosanna Watkins (39) live in Q. Prec. #4;
BALLS FORK (Knott Co., Ky): po est. 9/11/1879 in Perry Co. with Wm. G. Grigsby, pm. Disc. 12/27/81, still in P. Co. (POR-NA); Acc. to Wm. Grigsby, 9/1/1879, the po was 8 mi nw of McPherson po, 12 mi ne of Tunnel Mill po, 7 mi ne of T. Creek. (Perry Co. SLR);
BALL CREEK: Some hunters killed a bald eagle at the mouth of Ball, which gave it its name. (KY EXPL. Vol. 11 (3), 8/1996, Pp. 104-05);
BATH (Knott Co., Ky): on Burgeys Creek; 
op est. 3/3/1893, Robert Collins.... (POR-NA); Acc. to 
1896 Gaz., it was only a po; The po closed in 1965; 
Robert Collins ran this po for ca. 30 years. It was 
later moved ca. 1 mi down Little Carr Creek and was 
operated by Ann & Perry Sloan till it closed. (Lucille 
Combs, 3/9/1979); The site was early owned by Ambrose 
to Mike Mullins, Hindman, Ky., interv., 12/6/1999);
BATH (Knott Co., Ky): Acc. to Robert Collins, 1/23/1893, the first names proposed for this new po were Cart, Port, Collins, and French and it would serving a community called Little Carta (?), 5 mi se of Pine Top po, 5 mi w of Rock House po, 5 mi ne of Buncombe po, 3 mi e of Carr Fk. (stream)// Acc. to Ibid., 11/30/96, the po was 2⅛ mi nw of Rockhouse Creek, 2⅛ mi sw of Carr Creek, 2⅛ mi nw of Rockhouse po, 5 mi se of Pine-top po, 3/4 air mi from the co. line.// Acc. to Cordelia Hays, 7/27/39, the po was 400 air yds and 500 rd yds from the Letcher Co. line, 3 mi e of Carrs Fk. (stream), 2 mi w of Rockhouse Creek (stream), 3 mi e of Spider po, 3½ mi nw of Colson po, 4½ mi nw of Littcarr po.// On 10/7/46, Anna Sloan pet. for a site ch.
2 mi sw to a pt. serving an area aka Little Carr, 2¼ mi from Letcher Co. line, 2¼ mi e of Little Carr Creek (stream), 2¼ mi e of Littcarr po, 2 3/4 mi s of Spider po, 3 mi w of Colson po, 4 mi n of Red Fox po. (SLR);
BEARVILLE (Knott Co.): ("Ber/vihl") 1 rm. sch still in operation 1978-9 yr. P0 and 8-10 homes on the creek and a little store above the po. The Bear Combses (a few of them) are still there...Named for this clan of Combses in that vic. Lucinda Combs, the 1st pm, was married to one of the Bear Combses. (Wilma Gayhart, interview, 11/25/1978); Same pron. Had to differentiate the different Combs families by giving them nicknames. Those in this vic. were called the "Bear Combses". These people were actually called "Bears" and seldom Combs at all. Perhaps someone killed a bear but otherwise dk the origin of that nickname. (Tom Sutton, interview, 6/18/1979):
BEARVILLE (Knott Co.): New Ky. 80 will go by Bearville so this place should grow.
(Wilma Gayhart, interview, 11/25/1978);
BETTY and PORTER (Knott Co.): Porter was named for a Mr. Porter who ran the Porter Mining Co. He started a little rr up Jones Fk. and est. a way sta. called Porter. He came from Allen, Ky. and arr. at this site in the early 1920s. The way sta. and po was at the present site of the big lumber mill. Where the RR forked was called Porter Jct. the main line went to the head of Right Beaver. The po was called Porter. DK if it were in existence until Betty closed; that is if there was a separate po there. It's now dpo. The Betty po was further up Jones Fork, 3-4 miles up. At site now is gas sta. on left side of road and cem. on the right
and the Betty po was on the right side of the road (i.e. north or west) Geo. Cox was Betty's pm and Hattie Cox was his wife. Check if when Betty closed it was moved to Porter (or if, in fact, Porter ever had a po of its own). If it had a separate office, it must have closed long before Betty's was Ist est. Betty's po was est. c.1950 or slightly earlier. No significance to the Betty name. It wasnt named for anyone in particular. It was on a list of some 12-15 names sent to the POD. It was way down the list but those above it were crossed off the list until they reached this one. They wante a unique name. Oscar Webb and his father,
Sol before him, had a store at Porter. The Elkhorn Coal Corp. also had a company store there. (Hiram Bradley ne there in 1937 and Tom Sutton, his father-in-law, of Vest, Ky., interview, 6/18/1979);
BETTY (Knott Co., Ky): "This epo on Ky 80, at the mouth of Triplett Br. of Jones Fk. of Right Beaver Creek, 10 (air) mi ne of Hindman, was in operation from 2/1/50 to 5/5/1956. It was named for the granddaughter of Hattie (Mrs. Geo.) Cox, the 1st pm, and served the commu. of Porter. Porter was named for, the owner of the Porter Mining Co. who, in the 1920s, est. there a way sta. at the end of a spur line he had built from what became known as Porter Jct., just n of Lackey on the main C&O RR line." (Book-P. 23);
BETTY (Knott Co.): The po of Betty was located in the Porter community. Three names were submitted to the POD and Betty was accepted. It was named for the granddaughter of the 1st pm, Mrs. Hattie Cox. The po was est. in 1948 or '49. DPO for some time. (Letters from Ms. Gladys Boling, pm, Lackey, Ky. 5/21/1969 and 6/12/1969); Betty PO est. 2/1/1950, Disc eff. 5/15/1956 (NA);
BETTY (Knott Co., Ky): Acc. to Hattie Cox, 7/2/1949, this proposed po would be 1 3/4 air and rd mi from the Floyd Co. line, on the e aside of Ky 80, 2 mi sw of the L&N sta. at Lackey, 300 ft w of Jones Fk., 4 mi ne of Mousie po, 2 mi sw of Lackey po. (SLR);
BETTY TROUBLESOME CREEK (Knott Co., Ky): Jas. Still's guess as to the origin of this name: it may have been derived from a whale oil lamp derived from bettnig (Anglo-Saxon for oil) for the early practice of summer burning of the creek's waters—natural gas. Bettnig (or oily) Troublesome. (Shirley Williams "Still Writing After All These Years" LCJM, 7/9/1978, Pp. 23-31, 26);
BIG FIRECOAL BRANCH OF MIDDLE FORK (of Quicksand Creek) (Knott Co., Ky.): Corrupted from Big Firescald (referring to a forest fire that had "left a scalded spot on the watershed draining into the creek." (Allan M. Trout, "Greetings!" col. in the LCJ 11/7/1941) (ץ"נ)
BOLYN (Knott Co., Ky): Acc. to John M. Bolyn, this proposed po would be on Rock Fk., 3 mi s of Hippo po.// Acc. to J.M. Bolen (sic), 3/27/1922, the po was 6 mi from Beaver Creek at Garrett, 3 mi e of Handshoe po, 2 mi from the F. Co. line.// Acc. to John M. Bolen (sic) 7/28/39, the po was 3 air and 4 1/8 rd mi from the F. Co. line, 6 mi sw of Garrett po on Ky 80, 200 ft s of Rock Fk. Creek.// On 4/13/1948, Estelle Boleyn (sic) pet. for a site ch. ¼ mi n to a pt. 3 mi e of Handshoe po, to serve a commu. aka Rockfork. (SLR);
BOLYN (Knott Co., Ky): po est. 5/16/1910 with John M. Bolyn; Disc. 1/31/1914 (mail to Ballard); Re-est. 11/21/1916, Earnest Moore, 6/23/1922, John M. Bolen (sic)....Disc. 1965 (POR-NA); This po was at the head of Rock Fk. Reece Bolen (sic) carried the mail there from Garrett. Andrew had a store on Rock Fork, now used as the Rock Fk. Old Reg. Bap. Chu. (Bessie Conley Draughn in 1995 K. Co. hist., P. 242);
BRINKLEY (Knott Co., Ky): Acc. to Randolph Adams, 6/6/1892, this proposed po would be 2½ mi n of Troublesome Creek, 6 mi se of Hind. po. In May 1913, Solomon Adams pet. for a site ch. 3½ mi s to a pt. 4.4 mi s. of Hind. po, 3 mi w of Ivis po, 1.5 mi s of Troublesome Creek. Acc. to Lucinda Mullins, 10/10/1935, the po was 1 mi s of Troublesome Creek, 5 mi e of Hind. po, 2½ mi se of Ivis po. (SLR); Just before you come to the Dairy Bar on Ky 160, betw. Hind. & Cody. DK of any local families of that name. DK the name's origin. [brink/lee] (Wilma Gayhart, 11/25/1979); The po was suspended 6/4/1993; No Brinkley families are listed in the 1900 Knott Co. Census; One other US Brinkley was a rr town in Monroe Co., Ark. inc. 1872 & named for Hugh Brinkley who helped est. the Memphis & Little Rock RR. (Ernie Neane Ark. P. N. Branson, Mo. 1986 P 137).
BRINKLEY (Knott Co.): po est. 9/29/1892, Randolph Adams... Disc. eff. 8/31/1908 (mail to Hindman); Re-est. 10/24/1908, Frazier Adams.... (NA); cf Earl Mullins who used to be pm. (Wilma Gayhart, interview, 11/18/1979) PO run by Mrs. Darrel Perkins. Today's site= over 1 mi. from where it had been. Lauretta Short is now pm. (Lucille Combs, interview, 3/9/1979); Other places with this name: Brinkleyville, a settlement & po in Halifax Co., NC settled by Jos. Brinkley in 1767 (Powell);
BUCK (Knott Co., Ky): 1/31/1888, John Harvey...Disc. 8/31/1892 (mail to Vest) (POR-NA); Acc. to John Harvey, 11/21/1887, this proposed po would be on the e side of Buck Horn Creek (sic). Not a vill./On 2/28/1891, Grant Holliday pet. for a site ch. (which occurred 10/18/1890) 4 mi n to a to serve a commu. locally known as Jones Fork, 4 mi n of Troublesome Creek. (SLR); 13 mi. W. of Vest probably take
BUNCOMBE (Knott Co., Ky): po est. 10/3/1888, Samuel Combs...3/6/1900, Kelley Francis; Disc. eff. 8/31/04 (mail to Hemlock) (POR-NA); Acc. to Sam'l. Combs, 8/1/1888, the 1st name proposed for this new po was Melvin and it would be on the n side of Carrs Fk., 5 mi s of Jeptha po. Not a vil. (SLR); Acc. to the 1900 Census, none of the county's Samuel Combses came from NC nor had any connection with a Melvin; Acc. to 1896 Gaz., this place, 8 mi se of Hind., had a pop. of 200. J.B. Smith was pm. Gen. stores: (1) John W. Combs, (2) Kelley Francis. H.H. & W.J. Amburgey were wagon makers. Andrew Combs had a flour mill. Sam'l. Combs was a furn manufacturer, S.Davis had a flour mill, several masons etc. T. Smith & Co., distillers. Other businesses;
BUNCOMBE (Knott Co., Ky): Was this po re-est. after 1904 and closed for good in 1914? The po was near Littcarr. (Lucile Combs, 3/9/79); (Disc. 1914, acc'd 8+9).
CARR CREEK (Knott Co.): 12 mi. s. of Hind.
Hi.Sch. won 1956 Ky. H.S. Basketball Champ.
Originated as a mt. settlement sch. C.C. =
creek, commu. and school. Named for a pioneer:
settler. The ele. and consol. hi.sch. were
halfway up the side of a steep hill, on the
e. side of the creek. In 1920, the C.C. Comm
Ctr. was est. Schools derived from this.
(The ele. sch. was closed in 1957) c. 20
homes, J.D. Amburgey's Gro. and po on Ky. 16
and up the hill. Kids boarded at the Commu.
Ctr. until 1946....(Joe Creason, "Carr
Creek: Tiny, Basketball-Mad Mt. Community
Keeps its. Date with Destiny" LCJ, 3/25/1956,
IV, P: 1:1-6);
CARR FORK (Knott Co., Ky): po est. as Carr's Fork in Perry Co. 1/9/1833 with Thomas Francis; 3/26/34, Sam'l. Francis; Disc. 11/16/1835. Re-est. in Letcher Co. as Carr Fork on 5/17/1876 with Nathaniel B. Smith; 8/15/76, Geo. W. Johnson. Into Knott Co. when est. in 1884. Disc. 7/7/1887 (with papers to Sassafras) (POR-N Acc. to Nath'l. B. Smith, 2/22/76, this po will be re-est. as Cars Fork (sic), on the s side of Carrs Fk. (stream), 7 mi n of Collins Store*po, 10 mi s of McPherson po.// Acc. to G.W. Johnson, 10/25/1886, the Car's Fork po was serving locality called Three Forks Carr, 5 mi e of Sassafras po. (SLR);
CARR'S FORK and DEFEATED CREEK (Knott Co., Ky): Wm. Carr, a Long Hunter, was the name source of both. (He was killed by Indians at the latter in 1776), was a mulatto, ne Albemarle Co., Va. (May Stone, "Origin of Names of Places and Streams in Some Eastern Kentucky Counties" Pp. 30-4); Defeated Creek is a 4 mi long branch of Carr Fk. across from the mouth of Breedings Creek. "Old Man" Carr and a companion on a hunting trip had set up camp. Attacked by Indians and Carr was killed. Hence name. Local legend with no confirmation. (Buck Scalf in T. Creek Times, Cent. ed/. 1984, P. A14:6); Defeated Creek's upper part was owned by Hiram Blair & the lower part was owned by his bro. A later owner of the lower part was Colbert (Cobb) Hylton. (Arlena Francis, Knott My Beloved, 1997, Pp. 11-12).
CARR FORK LAKE (Knott Co., Ky): created by the damming of Carr Fk., 9 mi ese of Hazard. The dam is in the Vicco Quad, 37°13'50"N/83°00'00"W and is 8.8 mi above the mouth of the Fork. Construction began in 1966. Carr Fk. is a branch of N.Fk. Of Ky. R. Dam was authorized by the Flood Control Act of 10/23/1962, Pub Law 87-874. An earth & rock fill dam. Esti. completion June 1973. (BGN Case Brief, approved 7/27/71, submitted 5/25/71; The Carr Fork Lake was designed for flood control for N. Fk. and Hazard area residents and for rec; Construction began 1965. The lake is 7½ mi long. Has a 58 sq. mi drainage area. Impoundment led to the displacement and relocation of ca. 550 families from its val. along with Carr Creek El. Sch. & 19 cem's. (Cindy Hall in T.Cr. Times Cen. Ed. 7/25/84, X
CARR CREEK (Knott Co.): PO first called Dirk. DK why. cf Nettie Watts, the last pm. She lives at Mallie. Carr Creek Commu. Ctr. renamed Carr Cr. Sch. Applied to the POD. In 1928 POD declared the po name officially changed to Carr Creek in honor of the sch. and team that played in the Nat'l. basketball tourney in Chi. (Lucille Combs, interview, 3/9/1979); Carr Fork Lake. Construction of the lake began 1962. 710 acre impoundment, 5½ mi. long. Completed in 1976. Dam= 8.8 mi. above the mouth of Carr Fk. Creek. The lake is c. 23 mi. se of Hazard. ...(Arthur B. Lander, Jr., A GUIDE TO KY. OUTDOORS, Ann Arbor: Thomas Press, 1978, Pp. 132-3);
CARR CREEK (Knott Co.): ("Kahr Kreek") Called "Dirk" ("Dak") till c. 1928. Commu. Ctr. now gone. Several homes on the old sch. grounds are now owned by pvt. indis. Morton Combs, former sch. super., lives in one and Gurney Adams lives in the other. The old hi.sch. is being used for Head Start, etc. Wilma Gayhart father was coach of the famed C.C. HS basketball team (c.1928) when they went to Chi. DK who/what Dirk was. Francis and Johnson families were among the earliest settlers, at least by mid 19th cent...DK Mr. Carr's 1st name. (Wilma Gayhart, interview, 11/25/1978);
CARR CREEK (Knott Co., Ky): Acc. to Marion F. Francis 7/25/1939, this po was 2½ air and 4 rd mi from Letcher Co. on new Ky 160, 1 mi from Ky 15, 150 ft n of Carr's Fork, 65 ft w of Lick Branch, 1 1/8 mi ne of Cody po, 1 3/4 mi w of Littcarr po.// In Jan. 1950, R.J. Herzog PO Inspector, pet. for a site ch. ¼ mi e to a pt. 50 ft n of Carr Creek, 1 mi e of Cody po, 1 3/4 mi w of Littcarr po, 2 mi s of Amburgey po, 1 mi n of Red Fox po. (SLR); Acc. to 1879/80 Gaz., Car's Fork was a po in Letcher Co.; Acc. to 1883/4 Gaz., Car's Fork was a po in Letcher Co., 15 mi n of Whitesburg; But no po of this name is included in the Letcher Co. SLR; po closed in 1975;
CARR CREEK (Knott Co.): 6-7 mi. up Carr Cr. from the highway. For many years had (has?) a community center who ran a school...(May B Smith, "Up Cyarr" MT. LIFE & WORK, Jan. 1929 ?); commu. named for Carr Creek or Carr Fork of N. Fk. of Ky. R. May have been named for "Old Man Carr" which is "the only name by which legend recalls him" acc. to Henry P. Scalf. It is said that he was scalped by the Indians in a little valley that has since been known as Defeated Creek. This 4 mi. long valley enters Carr Fk. just opp. the mouth of Breeding...(Scalf in an unid. newsp. article entitled "'Courtin' Chair' Feature of Old Hse That Never Moved, Was in 4 Counties";
CARR CREEK (Knott Co.): The Carr Creek Ctr. was est. 9/1/1920 by Olive V. Marsh & Ruth E. Watson of Mass. with help of DAR. A learning ctr. on a wooded hillside overlooking the cr. "Dedicated to the education of mt. youth and maintained by contributions...& the Knott Co. B'd. of Ed. (Highway marker 9 mi. s. of Hindman on Ky. 160, acc. to GUIDE, No. 1152, P. 244); po est. as Dirk, 12/22/1905, Ida Francis n.ch. to Carr Creek, 5/15/1928 ...(NA);
CARR CREEK (Knott Co.): Acc. to Harry Caudill, the creek was named for Willie Carr, a Mulatto who had "accompanied a band of N. Carolinians to (that area) c. 1794...." Pursued by Indians he jumped from a high ledge into "the rock-strewn creek." It was 1st called Willie Carr's Creek, then Carr Creek or Carr Fork. The cliff from which he had jumped is called Jump Rock. (Harry M. Caudill "Oral Trad'ns. Behind Some Ky. Mt. Place Names" REG. OF THE KHS, Vol. 78 (3), Summer, 1980, Pp. 197-207, 202-3):
CARR CREEK (Knott Co., Ky): "This hamlet with recently dpo is on the new Carr Fork Lake, \(\frac{3}{4}\) mi up Ky 160 from its jct. with Ky 15, and 6 (air) mi s of Hind. For many yrs. the com. centered on a boarding sch. founded in 1920 by 2 Mass. women, Olive V. Marsh and Ruth E. Watson. The po of Dirk, est. on 12/22/1905 to serve this area, was renamed Carr Creek in 1928 to honor the sch., which had just sent its basketball team to compete in the nat'l. high sch. tourn. in Chi. The sch. had been named for the Carr Fk. of the N. Fk. of the Ky. R., which in turn had been named for a pion. settler historically identified only as 'Old Mar Carr.' who was said to have been scalped by the Indians on nearby Defeated Creek. Or perhaps, as Harry Caudill recently suggested, Carr Fork was named
for Willie Carr, a Mulatto who had "accompanied a band of North Carolinian" huntersto that area around 1794. Pursued by Indians, he jumped from a high ledge into 'the rock-strewn creek.' The origin of Dirk is unknown." (Book-Pp. 50-51); Wm. Carr, a Mulatto long hunter from Va. camped at the confl. of Breedings & Defeated Creeks with a hunting party. He was killed trying to escape an Indian attack and was buried nr the stream named for him. Defeated was named for his party's defeat. (Geneva C. Smith & Mike Mullins in 1995 Knott Co. hist., P. 11); One of Carr Fork's 1st settlers was Thos. Francis (ne 1774), a NC-born man, to Knott Co. 1816 and built a cabin & settled on C. Fk. (Ibid., P. 251);
(Knott Co.): x("Ker/ee") Named for Carrie Combs, 1st pm. Active. po est. 2/6/1912, Henry Combs; 4/8/1920, Robert Combs... (NA); (x=Wilma Gayhart, interview, 11/25/78)

Acc. to 1910 Census, Henry Combs (52) was living with his wife Carrie (34) in Prec. #1; Named for Carrie (nee Combs), the wife of pm Henry Combs. who came from Colson, Ky. had been a tchr. and co. ct. clerk, and later moved to Allen, Ky. He was the son of Wesley and Polly (Hogg) Combs of Smoot Ck, Letcher Co and was bro. to Shade "Black" Combs. (Marie Frazier on the Combs family);
CARRIE (Knott Co., Ky): Acc. to Henry Combs, 4/1911, this proposed po would be on Troublesome Creek, 4 mi w of Hind. po, and 6 mi s of Vest po.// Acc. to Ibid., 4/16/1912, it was 1/16 mi n of Troublesome Creek, 4 mi sw of Hind. po, 4 mi se of Emmalena po, 6 mi se of Tina po.// On 1/5/1931, Robert Combs pet. for a site 18 mi ch. 939 air ft sw to a pt; 150 ft n of Trouble. Creek, 4 mi w of Hind. po, 4½ mi e of Emmalena po, 3 mi s of Tina po. Eff. 3/31/1931 to get the po in a new bldg. on the highway.// Acc. to Mrs. Otis Mae Combs, 9/29/1939, the po was on Ky 80, 100 yds e of Troubuls. Creek 4 mi from Hind. po and 4 mi from Emmalena po. (SLR);
CARSON (Knott Co., Ky): po est. in Letcher Co. 6/3/187 with John B. Adams; 11/17/1879, Green A. Collins. Into Knott Co. when est. in 1884; Disc. 1/12/1887 (papers to Baker); Re-est. 9/13/1887, Green A. Collins; 9/24/90, John C. Richardson; Disc. 8/22/91 (mail to Pine Top) (POR-NA); Acc. to Green A. Collins, 3/30/87, the po was on Carrs Fk., 7 mi se of Pine Top po, and 7 mi ne of Rockhouse po. On 1/31/1891, John C. Richardson pet. for a site ch. 2 3/4 mi w to a pt. 5 1/2 mi se of Pin Top po, on the n side of Carrs Fk., 6 mi n of Rockhouse po. (SLR);
CARSON (Knott Co., Ky): Acc. to 1879/80 Gaz., this was in the n part of Letcher Co., 16 mi n of Whitesb. J.B. Adams was pm, N.R. Craft had a store, Franklin & Smith had a flouring mill; Acc. to 1883/4 Gaz., this Letcher Co. vil. was 16 mi n of Whitesb., on Carr's Fk. and had a pop. of 340. A weekly newsp. G.A. Collins was pm and druggist, N.R. Craft had gen'l. store, Franklin & Smith had flour mill, J.C. Pigman had a distillery, E.B. Smith was a cooper; John B. Adams (1847-1882), son of Spencer Adams and grandson of Stephen & Nellie Adams;
The Clear Fork Reg. Bapt. Chu. of Jesus Christ at the mouth of Clear Fork of Lotts Creek. The Feltner Family Cem. at the head of Clear Fork;
COBURN (Knott Co.): po est. 9/25/1891, Joseph L. Coburn; Disc. 3/2/1899 (papers to Hueysville, Floyd Co.) (NA); A dpo at the head of Salt Creek. Probably named for Jos Coburn, the 1st pm. The earliest po in that area. (Tom Sutton, interview, 6/18/1979); Acc. to Jos. L. Coburn, 8/16/1891, this proposed po would be at J.M. Conley's store. Prop. name=illeg., 6 mi s of Orchard po, on the n side of Salt Lick Creek. (SLR);
COBURN (Knott Co., Ky): David Coburn (1831-1926) was father of Alamander Coburn and Andrew J. Coburn (1855-1940) (Bessie Conley Draughn in Knott Co. Hist., 1995, P. 242); Acc. to 1880 Floyd Co. Census, Jos. Coburn (42) and wife Cynthia Ann (32) lived nr. other Coburns, Handshoes, Thackers, and Allens in the Allen Prec; Acc. to Jillson II (P. 1151), David M. Coburn acquired 50 acres on ? Br. in Floyd Co. which was surveyed 7/25/42. (Bk. 10, P. 57). D.M. Coburn (50) (10/30/46) Rich Hol. Creek in Floyd Co. (26-475). David (100) (5/16/51) Salt Lick Fk. in Floyd Co. (35-545). John C. Coburn (150) (12/30/46) Salt Lick Fk. in Floyd Co. (26-477). Wm. O. Coburn (50) (9/16/56) Salt Lick F. in Floyd Co. (52-63). Alex. Coburn (460) (12/23/68) Beaver
CODY (Knott Co., Ky): On 8/13/1900, John W. Combs pet. for a site ch. 1½ mi s to a pt. ½ mi s of Carrs Fk., 2 mi sw of Hemlock po, 2½ mi w of Witch po, 2 mi from the co. line. On 1/30/1901, J.W. Combs pet. for a site ch. ½ mi w to a pt. 2 mi sw of Hemlock po, 2 mi nw of Witch po, 2 mi e of Smithsboro po, on the s bank of Carrs Fk. and the n bank of Breedings Creek. On 6/12/1917, Mary Cody pet. for a site ch. (but doesn't specify) to a pt. 30 yds n of Carrs Fk., 1½ mi sw of Dirk po, 3½ mi w of Red Fox po, 3 mi se of Smithsboro po, 4 mi from the co. line. On 9/29/33, Gertrude Kelly pet. for a site ch. 800 ft e to a pt. 900 ft se of Carrs Fk (stream), 300 ft s of Breedings Creek, 2½ mi w of Redfox po, 2 mi e of Smithsboro po,
1½ mi s of Carr Creek po, to serve a commu. known as Mouth of Breedings Creek. Eff. asap, to be on more traveled Ky 15. // Acc. to Vista Hylton, 9/25/1939, the po was 2 air and 4 rd mi from Letcher Co., on the s side of Ky 15, 100 yds s of Carrs Fk. (stream), 1 mi s of Carr Creek po, 1½ mi w of Red Fox po, 1 mi e of Smithsboro po. // On 4/24/1944, Mrs. Earlie W. Hylton pet. for a site ch. ½ mi w to a pt. ½ mi w of Carrs Fk., 1½ mi s of Carr Creek po, 1½ mi e of Smithsboro po, 5 mi n of Gander po, 2½ mi from the co. line. Eff. 4/30/1944. // On 7/5/44, Ibid. pet. for a site ch 1500 ft s to a pt. 150 ft n of Defeated Creek, 1½ mi e of Smithsboro po, 1 mi sw of Carr Creek po, 2 mi w of Red Fox po. // On 1/19/48, Marie W. Hylton, act. pm,
pet. for a move 100 yds s to a pt. 1500 ft s of Ky 15
100 yds n of Defeated Creek, $\frac{1}{4}$ mi w of Carrs Fk. (stream), 1 mi w of Carr Creek po, 1½ mi s of Red Fox po. // On 11/1/1949, Ibid. pet. for a site ch. 2 mi n
to a pt. 50 ft s of Ky 15, 250 ft w of BreedingsFk.,
100 yds s of Carrs Fk. (stream), 1.2 mi s of Carr
Creek po, 2 mi w of Red Fox po, 2 mi e of Smithsboro
po. (SLR);
CODY (Knott Co., Ky): "One of several commus. completely inundated by the recent flooding of Carr Fork Lake, Cody was centered at the jct. of Ky 15 and 160, at the mouth of Breeding and Defeated Creeks, branches of Carr Fk..., 6½ (air) mi s of Hind. Its po, est. on 11/18/1897, with Shade Smith, pm, was named for a local family." (Book-P. 63); Shade Smith was Shadrach. He was marr. to Polina (Combs). and was a onetime owner of the Smith home. (1995 Knott Co. hist., P. 38); PO was closed in 1972; Acc. to Jillson II (P. 1153), Wm. P. Cody acquired 50 acres on Little Carrs Fk. in Letcher Co. that were surveyed 12/4/1833. (Book 106, P. 413);
CODY (Knott Co., Ky): This was one of Knott Co's. 2 inc. towns with a nearby consol. sch. and filling stations (Anna Lena Collins Francis, *Knott My Beloved*, ed. by Wm. Henry Young, 1997, P. 12); The 3 mi. long Breeding's Creek was named for Elisha Breedings, its pion. settler (1778-1863). He came to Ky. in 1816 and owned all of the creek above G.W. Johnson's land to the Letcher Co. line. Hale's Branch was named for John Hale, another early settler. The Bach family lived on Sugar Branch, named for maple trees used for making sugar. (Ibid., Pp. 13-14); Jehu Cody lived on Lotts Creek ca. early 1830s (Josiah H. Combs, *Gen*, P. 81ff);
CODY (Knott Co.): Named for an early family in that area. (Hardy's thesis, 1949, P. 44); po est. 11/18/1897, Shade Smith...5/22/1917, Mary Cody...(NA); ("Koh/dee") Mostly under-water now, covered by the Carr Creek Lake. (Wilma Gayhart, interview, 11/15/1978); of Mrs Bert Cody of Amburgey for Cody. (Lucille Combs 3/9/1979); The pioneer vil. at Cody: 4 bldgs. incl. the gift shop, a 177 yr old cabin. In Rainbow Hollow. The Johnson Cabin was built in 1786 and may be the oldest extant bldg. in Ky. Entrance to the vil. is on a curve on Ky 15. ca. 11 mi n of Whitesb. and 1.1. mi s of jct. Ky 15/160. Lynn Adams is store mgr. "Showcases local mt. crafts." Craft shop opened in 1988. ("Prog. Shelters Knott's Pion. Heritage" Commu. sect. of LHL 10/20/93, Pp. 11-2);
CORDIA (Knott Co., Ky): Doubts that Cordia's sister Cora, daughters of John & Martha Everidge, could have been the 1st pm because of her age. Wonders if it could have been named for Cordelia (Aunt Cord) who married Uncle Solomon Everidge. She was nee Ritchie (Robert C. Young, Hindman, Ky. interv. 3/24/2000); PO was est. ca. 1900 and named for John Everage's daughter, acc. to an early tchr, the late Miss Esther Wallstedt. (Flossie Grigsby, "How Cordia Blossomed into a High School" in Sprague, MSU, 1984, Pp. 43-4); Solomon Everidge (4/22) & wife Cordelia (5/58) were mentioned in the 1900 Census;
CORDIA (Knott County, Ky.) p.o. est. 10/10/1899 with Cora Everedge, 1st pm. Disc. 2/28/1914 (with mail to Elic). Re-est. 8/5/1915 w/ Joseph F. Ritchie, pm. Disc. 5/15/1920 (with mail to Elic). Re-est. 1/17/1923 with Rachel McKee as pm. (Acc. to the National Arch.)

Lotts Creek Commu. Sch. est. there in 1933 by Alice Slone (nee 1904 who is still dir.) This was/is a settlement sch. The sch. is now called the Cordia Sch. and is maintained by the Cc B'd. of Ed. An isolated hamlet c 6 mi. up Lott Cr. and 11 mi. from Hazard. Now has a Hazard mailing address. DPO. Lotts Creek Commu. Sch. Inc. today (c1971-2) includes the bldg. which houses the Cordia Sch., 120 acres and several
outlying bldgs. Commu. Ctr. also....("Settlement Schools" by Leah Larkin, CJ&T, 1/23/1972 P. G1:1-6+);

PO closed in 1957; Home of the Lotts Creek Commu. Sch. founded as the Cordia Sch. by Alice Slone, an ALC grad., in 1933. Sch. is nr. the Perry Co. line. (LCJ, 2/16/1975, P. 1:1-6); Acc. to 1900 Census, Cora Everidge (10/82) lived with her sister Cordia (11/97) and their father John Everidge (8/64) and 母亲 Martha Everidge (7/67). Mother Cora was then attending sch. In Mag. Dist. #1. No Mason;
CORDIA (Knott Co.): ("Kawrd/a/yə =2½ syl.) of Alice Slone. Settlement Sch. is still active. (Wilma Gayhart, interview, 11/15/1978); Acc. t Cora Everidge (sic), 8/27/1899, the 1st name proposed for this po may have been Mason (not clear) and it would be 1 mi n of Lotts Creek, 7 mi s of Sassa. po, 7 mi se of Dwarf po.// Acc. to Malvary Combs, 8/30/06, it was on Lotts Creek, 5 mi s of Ritchie po, 7 mi n of Sassa. po, 1½ mi from co. line.// Acc. to Mrs. Ollie Hurt, 2/17/21, it was 30 yds w of Lotts Creek, 2 mi w o Elic po, 3½ mi from Grigsby po, 2½ mi from co. line.// Acc. to Mary E. Combs, 10/11/31, this was just a rural po and not a town, and was ½ mi n of Lotts Creek. (SLR)
CRITIC (Knott Co., Ky): The Kricket po (sic) was in the home of and operated by the bros. Maryland and Linville Amburgey and their sister Bertha and their mother Lucy Jane (Haggins) (Mrs. John Jesse) Amburgey. John Jesse and Lucy ran a gro. on Burgeys Creek. (Lucille Combs in 1995 Knott Co. hist., Pp. 133-134); Oliver Stamper, son of Betty Banks by her 1st marriage, helped to select the po names of Cricket and Spider. (Or was Cricket suggested for the Spider name only? Check....) (Lucille Combs, 3/9/1979);
CRITIC (Knott Co., Ky): po est. 6/1/1894, Wm. R. Amburgey. 5/31/1898, Jas. D. Hale; Disc. 6/15/99 (paper to Bath) (POR-NA); On 9/2/1895, Jas. D. Hale pet. for a site ch. 1 1/2 mi ne to a pt. 2 1/2 mi w of Rockhouse po, 3 mi e of Hemlock po, 3 mi se of Buncombe po, 3 mi n of Carr Fk. (stream). // Acc. to John J. Amburgey, 11/30/1896, the po was 1 1/2 mi e of Carrs Fk. (stream), 3 mi sw (?) of Bath po, 3 mi se of Buncombe po, 3 mi from th co. line, 3 1/2 mi n of Witch po. [Check this again....] (SLR); Was this po at John J(esse) Amburgey's store or Burgeys Creek? (Why did Lucial Combs call it Kricket in the T. Times 7/25/84, P. C4:1)?; Acc. to 1896 Gaz., the Critic: po was 10 mi from Hind. Wm. R. Amburgey was pm. Francis Amburgey had a flour mill;
DEAD MARE BRANCH OF LITTLE CARR CREEK (Knott Co.): Earlier called Surilda's Branch for Jethro Amburgey's and the second wife of (Old) Wiley Amburgey. (James Still, Hindman, interv., 8/23/2000);
How Decoy, Ky. was named: Henry Shepherd, some time just before the turn of the century, had wanted to better himself so he figured he'd buy himself a dictionary so he ordered one from Sears. He soon got the reputation of being the most knowing man in the community. One day he was thumbing through it and he came upon the word "decoy" meaning to set a trap. Later, he came to suspect that his wife wasn't being faithful to him and decided to set a trap for her and her man. He told his wife he was going on a trip and wouldn't be back for a few days. And he made like he was going but doubled back to the house in time to catch his wife with the other man. He was later to say to one and all
that he had decoyed them. When it came time to establish a post office in the community and to pick a name for it, he was asked to be the postmaster because he was the knowingest man in the community and he suggested as its name that word Decoy because the word had meant so much to him (had such a meaning in his life). Henry became the first postmaster. His wife, Jane was Frankie Duff's 2nd cousin and he was Bill Hale's grandfather. (Acc. to Frankie and Lionel Duff, personal interview)
DECOY (Knott Co., Ky): In Feb. 1908, Henry Shepperd (sic) pet. for a site ch. 3 mi se into Knott Co. at a pt. ca. 9½ mi se of Lambric po, ca. 7 mi nw of Tester po, ca. 30 ft s of Quicksand Creek to serve a vil. of ca. 25 families. The former site was also on Quicksand Creek.// On 5/17/1915, N.J. Watkins pet. for a site ch. 3/4 mi e to a pt. 30 ft s of Laurel Fk., 8 mi from the Elmrock po.// On 12/4/33, Lee Stacy pet. for a site ch. 1550 ft ne to a pt. 50 ft n of Middle Fk. of Q. Creek, 7½ mi nw of Elmrock po, 9 mi ne (?) of Lambric po, 3380 ft from the Breathitt Co. line. Eff. 12/8/33 for "change of road."// On 1/22/40, Ibil pet. for a site ch. 3280 ft sw to a pt. 200 ft from Q Creek, 7 mi nw of Elmrock po, ca. 2 mi (?) ne of
Wilstacy po, ca. 100 ft from the B. Co. line. Eff. 2/1/1940 for a more central location. // In Aug. 1945, Jerry Smith, act. pm, pet. for a site ch. 3200 ft ne to a pt. 60 ft n of Middle Fk., 15 mi ne of Wilstacy po, 7 mi nw of Elmrock po. Moved 6/6/1945. // On 4/22/46, Ibid. pet. for a site ch. 1 (?) mi ne to a pt. 60 ft nw of Middle Fk., 0.6 mi ne of (main) Q. Creek, 7½ mi nw of Elmrock po, 10 mi ne of Lambric po. (SLR);
DECOY (Knott Co.): Settled 1st decade 19th cer. by westward moving pioneers; present pop. descended almost exclusively from orig. settlers. In 1927 "a 2 yr. lumbering operation was est. in the area and a rr went thru the com....the company built a schoolhouse (ostensibly) for the families of the temp. laborers living on flatcar houses...." (unpub. ms.-a Prelim. Outline of Deqoy Commu. Study--Social Change by Gretchen Engle & Michael Smukler, Antioch Col. 3/1961)
DECOY (Knott Co., Ky.)
First settled in the late 1790s. Geo. Bradly (sic) and his wife, Elizabeth Briggs Bradly from Va. She was nee 1783. "From that family nearly every family in this neighborhood is descended some way or another." (other Decoy lore.....) (Lionel Duff interviewed by Debora Davison Sheffel, Recollections: A Journal of the Appalachian Oral History Project of Lee's Jr. College, Vol. 1 (1), Dec. 1972, n.p.)
DECOY (Breathitt and Knott Counties, Ky.)
p.o. est. 11/14/1904 with Henry C. Shepherd,
1st p.m. To Knott Co. from Breathitt, 1/21/1908. Second p.m. was James Stacy, 1/21/1908;
succeeded by Nancy J. Watkins, 9/21/1910.
(Acc. to the National Archives) ("Dee/koi")
(Tom Sutton, Hiram Bradley, etc. interview,
6/18/1979); PO suspended 1/26/1990;
DECOY (Knott Co., Ky): "This hamlet with po, 12 (air) mi nw of Hind. and 15½ (air) mi e of Jackson, straddle the co. line. Tho' the area was 1st settled ca. 1809, the po was not est. until 11/14/1904 with Henry C. Shepherd, pm. Shepherd was the hero of a most unusual place naming acct. Henry's goal of intellectual self-improvement included systematic study of a mail order dict. One day therein he came across the word 'decoy' to entrap, and was shortly able to apply this concept when he successfully set a trap for his unfaithful wifl and her man. He was later to say to his neighbors that he had decoyed them. When it came time to est. a po in the com., Henry was asked to be the pm, and he requested it be named Decoy for this word had much sig- nificance to him." (Book-P. 80)
No Henry Shepherd is listed in 1910 Knott or Breathitt Co's; Acc. to 1900 B. Co. Census, Henry Shepherd (ne Mar. 1871) marr. Nancy Jane Wireman (6/65) in 1893 and lived in the Spring Fk. Prec; Acc. to Fohs (1912) Henry Shepherd and 2 partners opened a coal mine on or nr. Kates Br. of Q. Ck. ca. 6 mi above Lambric. Kates Br. was just below his home. (P. 68);
At the foot of Big Lovely Mt. The sch. was built 1927 by a logging co. A frame bldg. This and several nearby frame homes comprise the commu.'s center; the rest of the commu. is spread out along 3 creek valleys for several miles. 1st settler, Eliz. Briggs Bradley (1783-1865) arr. c. 1809;

"If anyone is interested in how it came by (its odd name) such an odd name, Duff explains that it all came about years ago when a woman in the val. proved unfaithful to her husband. During the time his wife was having her affair the abused husband came into possession of a dictionary. Turning through it one day he came upon the word 'decoy' and after learning
the meaning of the word, figured out a way to trap his wife and her illicit lover. He did, and later told his neighbors he had 'decoyed them.' Then much much later when the Dawkins Log and Mill Co. moved into the area from Royalton to log out the timber, a p.o. was established. It was named Decoy after the tale of the man who used the word to catch his wife in her dalliance with another man." (From Lionel Duff to Nevyle Shackelford, LEX. LEADER, "Students of Two-Rm. Sch. in Knott Co....." 6/1/1961, P.5:1-8);
Lionel Duff on the naming of Decoy (Knott Co.) from interview with him by ALC-OH students Josia Dye and Kenny Slone: "Once there was a man who wanted a good education. He read everything he could get his hands on, but he couldn't hardly find anything to read. Once a man gave him a dictionary and told him that that was the best book he could ever read. So, he was reading through it and ran into the word 'decoy' which meant something like a trap. Now, this man's wife, he thought was going out on him—in other words, she had her another man. So he looked at the word and decided to set him a trap. One day he hitched up his horse and
went down the road a piece and got off his horse and hid in the trees. After a while, he slipped back to the house and sure enough, she had a man. He divorced her after that. So, one day a man came to establish a post office. Everybody told him to go see the old man who divorced his wife because he knew a lot about learning. So, the man went to see the old man who told him he wanted to call the place Decoy. The old man became the postmaster of Decoy.” (Kathy Fleming, "Place Names MT. MEMORIES, Vol. 1 (2), 6/1972, n.p.)
DEFEATED CREEK (Knott Co., Ky): "...an encounter between pioneer settlers and a band of Indians...." (Mary Middleton Nicholas, 1930-31, "Significant Names of Ky." unpub. typewritten ms. in the files of KHS Libr. Filed: Names: Geog.-misc., n.p.)
DEMA (Floyd and Knott Counties, Ky): Acc. to G.B. Hall 7/27/1901, this po was est. in Knott Co. but had moved 1½ mi e to a pt. in Floyd Co. ½ mi e of Beaver Creek, 2 mi from the Hindman po, 4½ mi ne of Raven po, 3 mi w of Fed po, 1 mi from the Floyd Co. line. Acc. to Kenis Sloan (sic), 8/25/1906, the po was 100 yds w of Caney Fk. of Beaver Creek, 6 mi se of Lackey po, 2 mi ne of Raven po, 100 air yds from the co. line. On 11/19/1932, Miles Gibson pet. for a site ch. ½ mi nw to a pt. (from Knott to Floyd Co.) 2½ mi s of Wayland po, 60 ft sw of Beaver Creek, 3 mi ne of Raven po, 3 mi s of Glo po, 2½ mi s of Beaver Creek RR, ½ mi from the co. line. On 11/23/32, Ibid. pet. for a site ch. 600 ft se //Acc. to J.D. Barney, 7/28/39, the po was ½ mi from the Knott Co. line. (SLR);
DEMA (Knott Co., Ky): Acc. to Mary E. Pigman, 6/29/1914, this po was ca. 200 yds from the Floyd Co. line. (SLR); Acc. to P&G, it was est. in 1894; [dee/mə] (Tom Sutton, 6/18/79); Officially closed on 3/9/1996; Acc. to 1896 Gaz., it was 16 mi from Hind. Had 4 gen. stores: (1) K.F. Dow, (2) Jos. Hall, (3) R. Martin, (4) Mary A. Shaw. John Abbott had flour mill. Jos. Martin had a flour mill. Sherwood, Ashburn, & Stegill (sic) had a distillery, Wicker Bros. had a flour mill;
DEMIA (Knott Co., Ky): po est. 1/30/1892, Nathaniel Stergil (?)...Into Floyd Co. 10/13/1932....
DILLON (Knott Co., Ky): po est. 11/16/1897, Hubbard Francis... 4/5/05, Dulcina Kelley; Disc. eff. 11/15/05 (mail to Pine Top) (POR-NA); On 2/5/1900, Dora Amburgey pet. for a site ch. ½ mi e to the e bank of Carr Creek, 2½ mi e of Buncombe po, 2 3/4 mi sw of Pine Top po, 3 mi w of Bath po, 3½ mi from the co. line.// On 3/5/1902, Sylvester Noble pet. for a site ch. ½ mi n to a pt. 3½ mi sw of Pine Top po, 5 mi e of Buncombe po, on the n side of Carrs Fk.// ca. Nov. 1905, Dulcena S. Kelley was pm. (SLR); No such families in 1900 Census; Acc. to 1900 Census, Hubbard Francis (11/66) lived with wife Frona (7/75) but no Dillon; Acc. to Jillson II, P.1241, Hubbard Francis acquired 200 acres or Carrs Fk, surv. 6/5/88 (Bk. 110, P. 535);
DILLON (Knott Co., Ky): Could it have been named for Dillon Asher? Check.... (Robert C. Young, Hindman, Ky, in tel. interv. 3/24/2000);
DIRK (Knott Co., Ky): No such family listed in 1900 Census; Acc. to 1900 Census, Ida Francis (1/79) and husband Simmeon (sic) (10/73) lived in Mag. Dist. #2--Carr but no Dirk; No Dirk families in 1910 Census; No Ida Francis or Dirk listed in 1910 Census; Marion Francis had the Dirk po in his home but his wife Arlena actually ran it. He retired in 1950. (Arlena C. Francis, Knott My Beloved, 1998, P. 49); Dirk was the nickname of a Francis family member. (Robert C. Young, Hindman, Ky., tel. interview, 3/24/2000);
DIRK (Knott Co., Ky): Acc. to Ida Francis, 11/8/1905, the 1st name proposed for this new po was Bell for it would be serving a place of that name, ¼ mi w of Carrs Fk., 5 mi n of Cody po, 4 mi sw of Dillon po, 5 mi s of Brinkley po. // In July 1907, Ibid. pet. for a site ch. 1¼ mi s to a pt. 3 mi n of Cody po, 5 mi s of Pine Top po, 4 mi w of Amelia po, 15 yds w of Cars Fk. (sic) // Acc. to Marion F. Francis, 6/14/1916, the po was 200 ft n of Carrs Fk. (stream), 3/4 mi (sic) ne of Cody po, 3½ mi sw of Spider po, 4 mi e of Smithsboro po, 2 mi from the co. line. (SLR);
DOES (Knott Co., Ky): po est. 12/4/1922, Mrs. Eunice Pigman; Disc. eff. 1/31/1928 (mail to Bath) (POR-NA); Acc. to Mrs. Maggie Hale, 4/1922, this proposed po woul be 50 yds s of Wolfpen Creek, 4 mi s of Bath po, 2 mi from Red Fox po, 2 mi from the co. line. (SLR); Acc. to the 1920 Census, Maggie Hale (35) and husband Elijah (32) lived with their 5 children Delice (8), Dona (6) (girls) and Delmas (4), Dura (3), and David (1 in Prec. #2--Upper Carr, nr. Eunie Pigman (34) and her husband Gus (35); No Does families listed in 1920 Census; Site was once owned by Ambrose Amburgey;
(Knott Co., Ky): po est. 9/27/1910, Jane Hall; Di 4/30/1913 (mail to Nealy) (POR-NA); Acc. to Mary Jane Hall, 11/1910, this po was 2 mi n of Nealy po, 4 mi se of Holly Bush po (sic), 3 mi n of Carrs Fork (stream) (SLR); No such families listed in the 1910 Census;
DRY CREEK (Knott Co., Ky): Acc. to Geneva C. Bates, Feb. 1909, this po was 4 mi e of Kite po, 4 mi s of Republican po, 3 mi e of Hall po, 3 mi e of Beaver Creek, serving the vil. of Dry Creek, 4 mi away, with a pop. of 85. On 7/4/1921, Can M. Bates pet. for a site ch. ½ mi n to the w side of Dry Creek, 4 mi e of Kite po, 6 mi n of Hall po, 5 mi w (?) of Wheelwright po. Eff. at once. Acc. to Anna Bates, 11/2/36, this po was 1 air and 2 rd mi from the co. line, 3 mi nw of Halo po, 3 mi e of Kite po, 3½ mi se of Topmost po, 25 yds e of Dry Creek (stream), 3 mi s of (Right) Beaver Creek. On 8/7/47, Ibid. pet. for a site ch. 20 yds se. (SLR);
✓ DRYCREEK PO (Knott Co., Ky): closed in 1985 with its papers to Topmost (Bob Sweaney, 2/22/1989); PO est. 1/18/1909, Geneva C. Bates; 7/14/31 Can M. Bates.... (POR-NA);
DUKE (Breathitt Co., Ky): po est. 10/16/1882, Thomas Stewart; Disc. 5/16/1883 (papers to Lackey, Floyd Co) (POR-NA); [Was this in what became Knott Co. in 1884?]; Proposed name was Newman. It would be 8 mi n of McPherson po, 9 1/2 mi w of Hueysv. po, on the righthand fork of Quicksand Creek. (9/11/1882, Thos. Stewart, in Breathitt Co. SLR); Acc. to 1900 Census, Thos. Stewart (4/24) did not live nr any Dukes in Mag. Dist. #4. Nancy Duke, a widow, nee 4/1842, and children probably lived in Hindman, nr. the family of Shade & Eliz. Combs. Also in H. was Wm. Duke (3/60) and wife Sarah (8/1868);
ELIC (Knott Co., Ky): Acc. to Adeline Young, 10/13/08 this po was 3 mi from Mill Creek, 3 mi e of Cordia po, 4 mi se of Ritchie po, 5 mi s of Emmalena po, 5 mi from the co. line, 3 mi n of Sassa. po, 30 yds n of Lotts Creek. (Was it named for Elic Young?)// On 1/31/1932, Adeline Dobson, act. pm, pet. for a site ch ½ mi e to a pt. 40 yds n of Lotts Creek, 3 mi n of Cordia po, 1½ mi nw of Anco po where the rr sta. is. A rural po, not a town. (SLR); PO est. 8/4/1908 with Adeline Young, the 1st pm. 2/5/10, Adeline Dobson.... Disc. 1934 (POR-NA); No Elic Young listed in 1900 Census; Acc. to 1900 Census, Adeline Young (9/86) lived with her parents Abijah Young (3/57) and Nancy (4/66) but no Elic;
ELIC (Knott Co., Ky): Acc. to 1910 Census, Adeline Dobson (28) was' wife of Thos. Dobson (28) and both were then living with her parents Alex'r. Young (53) and Nancy Young (42) in Prec. #1. They lived in the vic. of several other Youngs but none of them had an Elic.; Adeline's father Alexander was called Elic. Thus her p was named for him. (Robert C. Young of Hindman, Ky., interviewed on 3/24/2000);
ELMROCK (Knott Co.): po est. 8/9/1911, Rachel Richie (sic)....(NA); ("Ehl/am/rahk") Will Compton opened a store at the mouth of Baker Fork (of Quicksand) after Tester PO up Baker had closed. His wife, Bertha Comp-ton, became Elmrock's 1st pm. Named for its location right by a big elm tree next to a big rock. (Tom Sutton, interview, 6/18/79); Tester po was 1 mi. this side of the mouth of Baker Fk. Named for a big tomcat of that name. (Ibid); Tester po was est. 1/18/1902, Newton Watkins...10/26/12, ibid., Disc. 12/ 28/1914 (mail to Vest) (NA); Elmrock po. closed 4/30/1988.
ELMROCK (Knott Co.): ("Ehlm/rahk") Mrs. Woodrow Patrick is now pm. She is daughter of Wil Compton. See him. His phone is in Woodrow Patrick's name. (Wilma Gayhart, interview, 11/25/1978);
ELMROCK (Knott Co., Ky): Acc. to Rachel Richie, 12/18/1911, this po was 100 yds s of Q. Creek, 5 mi from the co. line. On 2/27/1915, Elizabeth Fitzpatrick, asst. pm, pet. for a site ch. 3 mi sw to a pt. 100 ft n of Laurel Fk., 6 mi nw of Vest po, 7 mi se of Decoy po, 7 mi from Breathitt Co. Acc. to Silas Brown, 6/3/1916, the po was across the creek from Bakers Fk., 4 mi ne of Ball's Fk., 4½ mi from Vest po, and was serving the Mouth of Bakers Fork. On 4/15/1918, Wm. Compton pet. for a site ch. (no info.) to a pt. ca. 70 ft n of Q. Creek, 5 mi nw of Yellow Mt. po, 4 air mi from the co. line. Acc. to Bertha Compton (?), 10/5/39, the po was 100 yds s of Laurel Fk. Creek, 5 mi n of Vest po. (SLR)
ELMROCK (Knott Co., Ky): "This hamlet with po is on Ky 1098 and Laurel Fk. of Quicksand Creek, just above the mouth of Baker Branch, 7 1/2 (air) mi nnw of Hindman. The po was est. on 8/9/1911 with Rachel Ritchie, pm, and named for its location by a big elm tree and a large rock." (Book-Pp. 92-93); PO was est. by Rev. Manford Richie, son of Gabriel and Nancy (Campbell) Richie, who had moved to Mag. Co. in the 1860s. Rachel Richie was his daughter-in-law and the wife of Dillard Dudley Richie, PO Box 23, Fisty, Ky. 41743. (KY EXPL. 4/99, P. 7); On Manford Richie's prop. was a large flat rock with an elm tree on one side. He built his home on the rock. The po was also est. on the rock. He was the 1st
The tree is gone. Postmasters incl: Wm. Compton (1914), Bertha (Wireman) Compton, his wife 1926) In 1914 Wm. moved the po to his store 3 mi below the orig. site. Bertha was succeeded by her daughter Rachel Patrick in 1960 and she kept the office till it closed 4/30/1988. (Cynthia Begley in Ibid., 2/1999, Pp. 17-22);
EMMALENA (Knott Co., Ky): Named for Orlena Combs (1873-1967), nee there and marr. (in 1891) Robert Lee Morgan. They ran gen'l. store and she was named the pm. The po was also named for the wife of the man who appointed her pm. Orlena was the daughter of Shadrack and Polly Ann (Cornett) Combs. (Cox, App. Xrds., Vol. 3, P. 1375); Shadrack "Shade" or "Blinkie" Combs, son of John L. and Polly Ann Combs (1835-1888) married Polly Ann Cornett (1852-1947) on 1/26/72. Shade lived at Emmalena and was a C.W. vet. and later Knott Co. sheriff. (Ibid.);
John Cambs, the father of the 8 bros. and the family's e. Ky. prog., lived on Montgomery Ck, Va. which gave its name to Montgomery Ck. in Perry Co., Ky. His grandson Jeremiah (Long Jerry) Combs, (thru son John, one of the 8 bros.) was ne 1782/3 in Surry Co., NC. and his bro. Shadrach (sic) was ne 1784/5. Jerry to Ky. and settled 1st at the mouth of Montgomery Ck. He owned most of that ck. and much land in the Carrs Fk. val. By the 1830s he had moved to Troublesome Ck., ca. 8 mi below Hindman, and died in 1843. He marr. Nancy Combs and then Sallie Whitley. (Josiah Combs, P. 77);
EMMALENA (Knott Co., Ky): "This hamlet with po is on Ky 80 and Troublesome Creek, 4 (air) mi w of Hind. The po, est. on 10/5/1894, was named for Emma Thurman, the wife of the local sch. tchr. who had petitioned for it, and Orléna Combs Morgan, the storekeeper and 1st pm." (Book-P. 93); Acc. to Mrs. Orlena Morgan, 9/20/1894, this proposed po would be on the s bank of Troubles. Creek, 7 mi sw (?) of Dwarf po, 7 mi w of Hind. po, serving a vil. of 300 pop.// Acc. to Ibid., 7/24/39, the po was 2½ rd and air mi from the Perry Co. line, on T. Creek, 3 mi sw of Tina po, 4 mi w of Carrie po, 2 mi e of Fisty po. (SLR);
EMMALENA (Knott Co.): po est. 10/5/1894, Orlena Morgan... 12/20/1917, Orlena Morgan...(NA); ("Ehm/ʃ/lee/nə") (Wilma Gayhart, interview, 11/25/1978); Emma Thurman was not local. DK where her father came from. He came to teach sch. and lived with Wilma's grandmother in the white house across the rd. He wrote to the POD to est. the po because he was better educated than other locals. DK what ever happened to him. He didnt leave a family here. Emma went with him. cf Wilma's letter to me of several yrs. ago. The Combses settled this whole area. (Ibid.)
EMMALENA (Knott Co., Ky): Vic. was 1st settled by Jeremiah (Long Jerry) Combs, son of John Combs, Jr., one of the 8 bros. to settle in Perry Co. in early 19th cent. Before he came here, Long J. had settled on and owned most of Montg. Creek in Perry Co. and then to Troublesome Creek by the 1830s. John L. Combs, Long J's. 1st born son, settled in the vic. and owned land betw. Clear Creek and Short Branch. He was Perry Co. sheriff. Orlena (Mrs. Robert) Morgan was daughter of Shadrack and Polly Ann (Cornett) Combs, son of John L. Orlena was the 1st pm. The po was named for her and Emma, the wife of of a Mr. Thurman who helped get the po open by writing to the POD. (David R. Smith in K. Co. Hist., 1995, Pp. 54-5);
EMMALENA (Knott County, Kentucky) "Named for a member of a family that was traveling through the county when a name was being sought for the place." (Emmett Hardy's thesis, U.K., 1949, P. 79.)

Acc. to Wilma Morgan Gayheart, pm (ch. when), the po was named for Emma, the wife of the man who wrote in to have the p.o. est. here and Orlena Morgan the 1st pm. Some member of my famili has had the p.o. since it was est. 10/5/1894. First Orlena Morgan and her daughter Elizabeth Morgan Godsey, 3rd Orlena's son and my father,
Oscar Morgan and now myself Wilma Morgan Gayhart. Orlena Combs Morgan's father and grandfather got the first patent on this land and the post office has been situated on this land ever since. We have a nice consolidated grade school and a lovely summer camp and conference grounds." (Acc. to a letter sent by her to Robert K. Francis, director of the Postmark Collectors Club, Yalesville, Conn., date unknown and sent to me by Francis, 3/29/1969).
EMMALENA (Knott Co.): PO est. 10/5/1894 and named for two women, Emma Thurman, the wife of the petitioner and Orelena Morgan, the 1st pm. Orelena was nee 1872 or '3, 8 mi. down Troublesome Creek from Hindman. "One of Mrs. Morgan's descendants has been postmaster since the po was est. Mrs. Morgan served until 1941 except for one yr. (1917 to 1918). Her daughter Elizabeth Morgan Godsey served for this period. In 1941 Oscar Morgan, son of Orelena, was appointed pm and served until 1951 at which time he retired because of ill health. In 1951 Mrs. Wilma Morgan Gayhart, granddaughter of Orelena Morgan and daughter of Oscar Morgan was
appointed pm and is now serving in that cap
Emmalena was originally settled by Mrs.
Morgan's grandfather and original land pa­
teins from the gov. to him and her father
are in Mrs. Morgan's possession with family
records. These records date back to the
middle 1800s. Many residents commute to
jobs in Perry Co. A local chur. group calle
Scripture Memory Mountain Mission which
maintains a summer camp for boys & girls...
conferences are held there during the winte
... The consolidated grade sch. is to be bui
on land bought for it across the road from
the po.... (Mrs. Wilma A. Gayhart, pm of Emm
lena, Ky. in a letter to me, 7/25/1966)
EMMALENA (Knott Co.): The 1st pm had a little store and the po was placed there. At that time 3 or 4 families lived nr. the store. Th name was given to the po. This was usually true elsewhere in the county. People would identify their commu. with the creeks on which they lived. (Wilma Gayhart, interview, 11/15/1978); Acc. to 1896 Gaz., it was just a po;
EMMALENA (Knott Co.): "A community of scattered homes with a small store and p.o. on Ky. 86 .... Mr. & Mrs. Oscar Morgan own and run the store in their home community. I asked them how Emmalena got its name and Mr. Morgan said the 'Emma' part came from the name of the wife of the govt. man who put the po there and the 'Lena' came from the last part of the name of the 1st pm 'Orlena,' Mrs. R.L. Morgan, Mr. Morgan's mother." (Ruth Huston, OBSERVATIONS OF GOD'S TIMING IN THE KY. MTS. Salisbury, NC Rowan Printing Co., 1962, P. 168);
FISTY (Knott Co.): Named for "Fisty" Combs, local resident. (Hardy's thesis, 1949, P. 83); po est. 8/18/1906, Margaret Ritchie...(NA);
"When the po was est. there were a lot of Fugates there. Many named Sam had to be distinguished. One was called Fisty Sam. The po was est. and named for him. He was a local man (Tom Sutton, interview, 6/18/1979); ("Fae ahst tee") Named for Sam "Fisty" Combs. "They said they were sitting around--they lived just down the road here--I've heard my daddy call 'em--and people didn't mean to be unkind, you know--that was just their way of distinguishing (them)....So they said they were sitting
around wondering what to name it, and said Fisty Combs said, "Well, let's name it after me and call it "Fisty" and they said 'All right, we'll--!'". Fisty was a nickname "for that set of Combes." DK if Sam was a preacher. Big Joe Ritchie was the 1st pm. Now: active po and 2 stores.

(Wilma Gayhart, interview, 11/25/1978);

Fisty in the sense of quarrelsome, cantankerous. (for brief notes on its usage, see Harold B. Allen in Am. Sp. Vol. 3 (3), 2/1928, P. 217) Elsewhere used in the sense of pushy. Possible origin refers to a little pugnacious dog. (See also Ibid. Vol. 17 (4), 12/42, Pp. 248-9);
FISTY (Knott Co.): Named for Sam "Fisty" Combs. "They say they were sitting around -- they lived, just down the road here--I've heard my daddy call 'em--and people didn't mean to be unkind, you know--that was just their way of distinguishing about Drew Fisty and so forth, and they'd say--Daddy called him 'Drew Fisty' all the time, but his name was Drew Combs. So they'd say they were sitting around wondering what to name it and said Fisty Combs said, 'Well, let's name it after me and call it "Fisty"' and they said 'all right.'" (Wilma Gayhart, Emmalena, Ky., 11/25/1978) Fisty was just a nickname for that set of Combses.
FISTY (Knott Co., Ky): Acc. to Margaret Richie-(sic) 5/9/1906, this proposed po would be on the s bank of Troublesome Creek, 3 mi w of Emmalena po, 2½ mi n of Richie po (sic), 2 mi e of Dwarf po./ Acc. to Jay Richie (sic) the proposed name for this po was *Rowdy* but it was crossed out and replaced by *Fisty*, and was 100 ft n of T. Creek, 2½ mi e of Dwarf po, 3 mi w of Emmalena po, 2 3/4 mi nw of Ritchie (sic) po, 1 mi e of the co. line. (SLR);
FISTY (Knott Co., Ky): "This hamlet with po lies where Clear Creek joins Troublesome Creek at the jct. of Ky 80 and 721, 5½ (air) mi w of Hind. There were so many Combses in this area that they had to be distinguished by nicknames. One was called 'Fisty\Sam', and acc. to local trad. he suggested that the new po be named for him. Margaret Ritchie became the 1st pm on 8/18/1906.” (Book-P. 101); PO named for Sam'l. Combs. (Opsie D. Combs in 1995 K. Co. hist., P. 246); The 2nd pm was Jos. R. Ritchie. (How was he related to Margaret?) (POR-NA);
Some Knott Co., Ky. place naming accts.

"There was so many Combses that they had to distinguish so they gave them nicknames. Like there was one bunch they called Bears--they were Combses but they called them Bears. And that's how Bearville got its name. And Lucinda Combs was the 1st postmaster and she was married to one of them Bear Combs. Then there was an awful lot of Jerry Combses. And they'd call one 'Long Jerry' and one 'Tight Jerry' and one 'Short Jerry' and, you know, all these different nicknames to distinguish between the different sets, they called 'em. So these--Now Fisty got its name by Sam
'Fisty'. He was a Combs. They said they were 'sittin' around--they lived just down the road here. I've heard my daddy call em--and people didn't mean to be unkind, you know, that was just their way of distinguishing about Drew Fisty and so forth. And they say--"Daddy called him 'Drew Fisty' all the time, but his name was really Drew Combs, one of our neighbors down here." So they said they were sittin' around wonderin' what to name it and, he said, Sam Fisty, said, "Well, let's just name it after me and call it Fisty....They were just kiddin', you know. And so they said 'all right, we'd..."
Sam was Drew's father, informant thinks. 'Fisty' was just a nickname for that set of Combses. Joe Ritchie was the 1st pm. (Wilma Gayhart, Emmalena, Ky., interview, 11/25/78)
FOUR MILE BRANCH OF JONES FORK (Knott Co., Ky): only 2.1 miles long. (F726, 291) It may have been named for its being ca. 4 miles up Jones Fork from its confl. with Right Beaver Creek at the Floyd Co. line town of Lackey. It's about a mile below Mousie P.O. At the mouth of Four Mile Br., was the Four Mile Br. Some 250 yards up the branch was the Four Mile School.
GARNER (Knott Co.): Now: Garner Lumber Co.
and Bargain Barn (pers. obs., 11/1978);
Named for Vice Pres. (of the US) John Nance
Garner in 1936 or earlier (check)....(G.
Pierce, pm, in letter to Delphine Haley,
6/18/1975); PO est. 1936. APO;
GARNER (Knott Co., Ky): The 1st names proposed for this new po were Farley and Mollie and it would be on the n bank of Troublesome Creek, at the mouth of Watts Branch, 2 mi ne of Leburn po, 6 mi sw of Mousie po, 4 mi w of Pippapass po. Acc. to Ibid., 7/26/39, the po was on Ky 80, 2 mi w of the Left Fk. of T. Creek (?), 2 mi e of Leburn po, 3½ mi nw of Pippapass po, 3½ mi ne of Ivis po, 5 mi ne of Hind. po. (SLR);
GREENLEAF (Knott Co., Ky): po est. in Floyd Co. 6/5/77
Wm. J. Hall; into Knott Co. when est. in 1884; Disc.
2/16/87 (papers to Beaver); Re-est. 12/28/1887, Geo. W.
Wallen; Disc. 5/5/1888 (papers to Beaver) (POR-NA);
Acc. to Geo. W. Wallen, 9/12/87, the po would be on the
s side of Beaver Creek (SLR); Acc. to 1879/80 Gaz.,
this was a small po in Floyd Co; Acc. to 1883/4 Gaz.,
this Floyd Co. po served a commu. of 100 pop. Wm. J.
Hall was pm., Wm. Cook had a saloon, Thos. Davis was a
shoemaker, B.F. Hall was a distiller, D.A. Holebrooks
(sic) was a wagonmaker, Isaacs & Adams had a gen. store
Aben Martin had a gen. store. Aaron Pinson had a flour
mill;
Hall (Knott Co.): po est. 7/17/1890, Joseph Hall... (NA); In 5/13, Perry Martin pet. for a move 1 3/4 mi ne to a pt. 1 mi s of Beaver Cr, 3 mi s of Puncheon po, 3 mi n of Deane po, 5 mi w of Melvin po// Acc. to Ibid., 7/16/13, it was 60 ft from Beaver Creek 4½ mi n of Deane po, 3 mi e of Puncheon po, 3 mi from co. line// Acc. to Ibid., 6/6/16, it was on Isaac Fk. of B. Cr., 1 mi from Scip Branch, ½ mi s of B. Creek, 4½ mi ne of Deane po, 3½ mi e of Puncheon po, 3 mi from co. line// On 8/9/20, Perry Martin pet. for a move 0.8 mi nw// Acc. to Maudie Martin, 8/7/39, it was 2 air & rd mi from F. Co., on B. Creek, 3 mi e of Puncheon po, 6 mi n of Deane po, 3 mi s of Kite po// In 2/50, Anna Mullins, t.act. pm, pet. for move 500 ft ne to a pt. on
Ky 7, 250 ft n of L&N, 75 ft n of Right B. Creek, 3 mi s of Kite po, 2½ mi ne of Puncheon po, 6 mi nw of Deane po, 3 mi sw of Halo po, serving a locality known as Head of Right Beaver Creek. (SLR); Capt. Wm. J. (Bolen) Hall, a Confed. vet. and Knott Co's. 1st tax commissioner. The home he built before the CW on Right Beaver was nr. here. (FCT, 11/23/1977, P. 2:1-2); Acc the 1896 Gaz., this place, 20 mi from Hind., had a pop of 50. C. Martin was pm, J.H. Hall had gen. store & flour mill, Wm. J. Hall had a gen. store, Wesley Profi had a grain & stock business, Jerman I. Soac and son (?) had a flour mill. Other businesses; PO closed in 1976;
HANDSHOE (Knott Co., Ky): Acc. to A.J. Coburn, 5/1905, the 1st name proposed for this new po was Saltlick for it wouId be serving the Saltlick locality, on Salt Lick Creek, 2 mi n of Hippo po, 6 mi e of Yellow Mt. po // On 11/6/23, Ben Shepherd pet. for a site ch. 100 yds n into F. Co., 2 mi s of Licking R., 50 yds s of Salt Lick Creek, 3 mi w of Hueysv. po, 3 mi ne of Bolyn po, 50 yds from the co. line. Eff. now // Acc. to Ibid. (11/20/1924), the Hippo po, with Rhoda Craft, pm, was 30 yds e of the co. line and the Hand shoe po was just n of its site. (see Hind. 15 min top. map) // On 11/30/26, Wm. H. Bailey pet. for a site ch. 2 air mi w to a pt. back into Knott Co., ca. 2 mi from the co. line, 5 mi w of Hueysv. po, and Rt. B. Cr.
3 mi n of Bolen po (sic). Eff. 12/6/1926// Acc. to Ibid., 7/22/39, the po was 1 1/8 air and 1 1/2 rd mi fro F. Co., 5 mi w of Hueysv. and Rt. B. Creek, 1 1/2 mi e of Quicksand Creek// On 2/21/1944, Mrs. Eliza Handshoe pet. for a site ch. 1 1/2 mi e to a pt. 50 ft from Salt Lick Creek, 5 mi w of Hueysv. po, 3 mi ne of Bolyn po, 1 mi w of co. line. (SLR);
HANDSHOE (Floyd Co., Ky.) Ben Shepherd was 1st pm of office est. 11/17/1923. To Knott Co. (Acc. to the Nat'l. Arch.); At the head of Salt Lick Creek, over the hill from Quicksand Creek (Interview with Doug Fitzpatrick of Garrett, Ky. on 8/4/1973 by Jake Messer, ALC-OH prog., No. 655); po est. 7/6/1909, Andrew J. Coburn...into Floyd Co. 11/17/1923 and back to Knott Co. on or: before 11/19/1926, Wm. H. Bailey.?(NA); Handshoe was named for some 4 local families rather than for any parti. indi. The po has been on several sites on Salt Lick in Knott Co. and has since moved again and is now on Brush Creek in Floyd Co. (Tom Sutton, interview, 6/18/1979); disc 1972.(Φ+S).
HATTIE (Knott Co., Ky): po est. 6/11/1906, Eliz. Hall, order rescinded 3/27/1907 (POR-NA); Acc. to 1900 Census, Eliz. Hall (4/67) lived with husband Harrison (1/46) in Mag. Dist. #3, but no Hattie;
HEMLOCK (Knott Co., Ky): po est. 3/30/1898, Simeon Combs; 7/31/1903, Bessie Combs; Disc. eff. 9/15/1904 (mail to Cody) (POR-NA); Acc. to Simeon Combs, 3/11/98 this proposed po would be called Mingo and it would be 3 mi s of Buncombe po, 3 mi n of Witch po, 3 mi sw of Critic po. On 5/12/1900, Ibid. pet. for a site ch. ½ mi n to a pt. 3 mi s of Buncombe po, 3 mi n of Cody po, 4 mi w of Bath po, 5 mi n of Rockhouse Creek. (SLR) Named for the local trees. (Robert C. Young, Hindman, Ky, interv. 3/24/2000);
HIGH ROCK (Knott Co., Ky): Named for local creek at the head of Hollybush. John C. Slone pet. for the po in 1902. It was in his home until 1906 when his successor Isom B. Slone had it moved to the mouth of Trace. (Chas. C. Martin, Hollybush, 1984, Pp. 12, 37, 104);
HIGHROCK (Knott Co., Ky): po est. 1/13/1903, John C. Slone; 10/6/1906, Isom B. Slone; Disc. 1/31/1909 (POR-NA); Acc. to John C. Slone, 10/4/1902, this proposed po would be 5 mi sw of Holly Bush po (sic), 5 mi e of Pine Top po, 5 mi w of Sylvester po. In Sept. 1906, Isom B. Slone pet. for a site ch. 2 rd mi to a pt. 3 mi sw of Hollybush po, 3 mi ne of Mallie po, 5 mi n of Pine Top po. (SLR); Ca. 12/1903, this po was on the road betw. Raven & Mallie; The high rocks were aptly named, 700 ft above Caney Hol. and ALC. The po was named for them;
HINDMAN (Knott Co.): In 4/1884 3 commissioners appointed to find a site for the new co.'s seat selected McPherson PO on Troublesome over the two others suggested, the Rt. Fk. of Beaver and Carr's Fk. At the selected site then were only 2 bldgs. the log store run by Lewis Hays, who became the county's 1st Co. Cli Clerk and the log po across the creek. The commu. was renamed Hindman for the then Lt. Gov. ...(Gerald Griffin, "A County's Birth: Boy's-eye View" CJ MAG. 12/1/1957, Pp. 70-2);
HINDMAN (Knott Co., Ky): "This 5th cl. city and seat of Knott Co. is on Ky 80, at the Forks of Troublesome Creek....In April 1884, 3 commissioners appointed to locate a site for the new co's. seat est. it here. The McPherson po est. here on 2/17/74, with Peyton M. Duke, pm, was renamed on 10/7/1884 for then Lt. Gov. James P. Hindman. Duke gave the land for the town of Hindman, which was inc. in 1886." (Book-P. 141); Acc. to 1876 Gaz., McPherson (aka Forks of Troublesome) in Letcher Co, 27 mi from Whitesb. Peyton M. Duke was pm and B.F. Richmond had gen. store; Acc. to 1879/80 Gaz., McPherson had a pop. of 118. P.M. Duke was pm, John Duke was a cooper, G. Hays was a shoemaker, B.F. Richmond had gen. store
HINDMAN (Knott Co.): Sam'l. Cornett was the 1st settler of the vic. of the Forks of Troublesome Creek. DK when he came. He was the son of Wm. Cornett, Rev. War vet. Built his home and water mill on the Left Fk. of T. above the forks. (Scalf, KLF, P. 146); 1st po there was called McPherson; renamed Hindman. The 1st store there was run by McPherson's pm Lewis Hays... (P. 147). Knott Co. was named for Gov. J. Proctor Knott. McPherson, the po at the Forks, was renamed for Lt. Gov. J. P. Hindman, DK who/why McPherson. R. Lee Stewart, Knott Co. native and historian, thought it may have been named for a POD official. (P. 463, #37). c. 1884, the town consisted of a few scattered
houses. Roads extended to Whitesburg, Hazard, P'burg, and Jackson. Town officially became Hindman, 3/7/1884. (P. 150). By 1900, the town had a mill, po, ct. hse, 2 stores, sch., shop, and several homes; Robt. Bates was a large landowner at the Forks, Lewis Hays, son of Confed. vet. capt. Anderson Hays who ran a water mill on Hays Branch, 1 m above the Forks. Chick Allen was son-in-law of Bates; James R. Hindman was ne 1839 but when did he die?
HINDMAN (Knott Co.): po est. in Letcher Co. as McPherson 2/17/1874, Peyton M. Duke... into Knott Co. when it was est. and name was changed to Hindman, 10/7/1884, Frank P. Allen. ...(NA); ("Haen[d] ↦ Hahn[d] mən"). DK why 1st called McPherson. Thinks that Nathaniel Cornett (who had settled on Big Branch at the same time his bro. Sam'l. settled at the site of Hindman. Payton Duke gave land for the town. He was Dr. Duke's father. Payton lived somewhere in the vic. of his father's home which is present site of Knott Funeral Home. (Wilma Gayhart, interview, 11/25/1978);

X Franklin Pierce (chick) Allen,
HINDMAN (Knot't Co., Ky): The 1st known settler there was Sam'l. Cornett, son of Wm., a Rev. War vet., who had his home and water mill on the Left Fk. Later came Peyton Duke and Capt. Anderson Hays. The town was actually where the 4 mother co's. joined. Thus, in both senses, it was centrally located. (Al Stewart in App. Heritage, Fall 1974, repro. in Troublesome Creek Times Cent. ed., 7/25/1984, Pp. A1-2);
HINDMAN (Knott Co.): The McPherson po run by Lewis Hays, son of Confed. Capt. Anderson Hays. (Lucille Combs, interview, 3/9/1979); Acc. to P.M. Duke, 7/7/1883, the McPherson po was serving a place whose local name was Forks of Troublesome, on the n side of T. Creek, 17 mi s of Lackey po.// Acc. to F.P. Allen, 5/25/1885, the po, formerly McPherson, but now Hindman, was 20 mi s of Ky. R., and ¼ mi e of T. Creek, 5 mi w of Jeptha po.// Allie Combs was pm 2/23/1909. (SLR);
HINDMAN SETTLEMENT SCHOOL (Knott Co., Ky): The 1st rural settlement sch. in the US to furnish ed. opps. for the county's youth and gen. services to the community non profit. Library. With growth of public ed. it changed its focus to supplementing ed and cult. service. No longer resi. Commu. ed. progs. Cultural programs in summer. (Mike Mullins in KY. ENCY., 1992, P. 433);
HOLLYBUSH (Knott Co.): po est. 12/11/1901; Milton Owens....(NA); Extinct commu. called Head of Hollybush with a pop. at one time of 150. It was founded 1881 and abandoned in 1960. At head of 5 mi long stream (Trace Branch). Distinct from the present commu. of Hollybush at mouth of stream, with a pop. of 200. The abandoned commu. had a po, 2 stores, grist mill, sch, shop. 4 mi from Pippa Passes, across Trace Mt. Once, a "self sustaining" agri. commu and ended as a bedroom com. for coal ind. The com. was settled by Tandy Slone in 1881. Jasper Caudill was storekeeper in early 20 cent. Greene Slone owned gristmill and store at the foot of Trace Mt. and gave land for sch. in 1942. Died 1953. (Lee Mueller "Professor Unlocks Secrets of Lost Town" Lex. Her-Lead. 1/29/84, Pp. 1, 12);
HOLLYBUSH (Knott Co., Ky): Named for the holly trees at the mouth of this stream. On this creek was a steam-powered saw & grist mill owned by Lee Hall, Sr (called Dog). Amanda Hall Adams became postmaster in 1945, succeeding Alamber (sic) Caudill. (Acc. to her in KY. EXPL. 6/1999, Pp. 94-95);
HOLLYBUS (Knott Co., Ky): Acc. to Milton Owens, 10/4/1901, the 1st name for this proposed post office was Elishai and it would be serving that locality, 5 mi s of Raven po, 7 mi nw of Pine Gap po, 3 mi w of Sylvester po. In June 1907, Bethany Owens pet. for a site ch. nearly 500 yds n to a pt. 2½ mi ne of Highrock po, 5 mi s of Kezer po. Acc. to Alamander L. Caudill, 5/8/1915, the po was re-est. as Hollybush tho' its proposed name then was Carlton, and it would be 50 yds e of Hollybush Creek, 7 mi s of Raven po, 6 mi nw of Kite po, 6 mi from the co. line. Acc. to Mrs. Laura Bryant, 10/5/1939, it was 8 mi from Ky 80, 20 ft e of Hollybush Creek, 4 mi ne of Pippapass po, 5 mi nw of Kite po, 8 mi sw of Raven po. (Acc. to map,
it's at least halfway up Hollybush Creek from Caney Creek.// On 12/26/44, Mrs. Amanda Hall pet. for a site ch. 2000 ft n (?) to a pt. 2 mi from Caney Creek, 4 mi from Pippapass po, 6 mi from Raven po, 5 mi from Kite po. (SLR); The po officially closed in 1995. (Sweaney, 11/8/99); Office may still have been active by Jan. 1993; The po closed for the 1st time before 1916 and was re-est. 1/15/1916 with Alamander L. Caudill; Acc. to 1920 Census, Alamander Caudill (57) lived with wife Martha (60) but no Carlton; Alamander L. Caudill (1863-1938) marr. Martha (Patsy) Thornberry. He was Hollybush pm. (Clayton Cox in App. Xrds. Vol. 2, ch. 44, P. 585);
HOLLYBUSH (Knott Co., Ky): ca. 1918, this po was up Hollybush Creek (but no road thru there) and not at its mouth. Acc. to a Dec. 1903 SLR, the po was on the road betw. Raven and Mallie; Hollybush Ck. is 4 mi. long. (Martin, Hollybush, 1984, p. 3);
Irishman creek (Knott Co., Ky): Named for "his Irish ancestry" by John P. Madden (1853-1931)'s grandfather George Madden, its pioneer settler. John P. had a store in that vic. (1995 K. Co. hist., Pp. 309-10); The creek is 4-5 mi long. Land on it was "owned and occupied" by Combs, Maddens, Mullins, and Youngs. Early mill. (Arlena C. Francis, Knott My Beloved, 1997, P.8); Chimney Rock overlooks the creek. (Ibid., P. 7); On their marr. in 1876 John W. Combs and Clementina (Cody) moved to the mouth of Trace Fk. 1 mi up Irishman. John was bro. to Sam'l. Later they lived at the mouth of Flat Patch (½ mi up Irishman) (by ca. 1881). Then they moved to Hazard when John became P. Co. sheriff (1884). In 1887 he returned to the mouth of I. and later to Hind.
John W. was the son of Wm. Lorenzo (Carnegie Bill) Combs (1809-1879) ne at the mouth of Montg. Creek. John W. was ne 1857 on Montg. Creek. Clementina, the d of Jehu Cody who was nee 1831/2 on Lotts Creek. (Josiah H. Combs The Combs Gen. Pensacola, Fla. 1976, Pp. 79ff);
IVAN (Knott Co., Ky): Acc. to Mary Martin, 3/14/06, the 1st name proposed for this new po was Martinsville and it would 1½ mi s of Beaver Creek, 2½ mi n of Omaha po, 5 mi w of Hall po, 7 mi e of Republican po, serving a vil. of 125. On 5/18/1918, Mrs. McClellan Collins pet. for a site ch. 1 mi s to a pt. 1½ mi w of Omaha po, 5 mi e of Pinetop po, 2 mi from the co. line. On 2/16/1920, Wiley J. Amburgey pet. for a site ch. 1½ mi w to a pt. 110 ft n of Carr Creek, 3 mi w of Omaha po, 2½ mi e of Pinetop po, 2 mi from co. line. Eff. now, to pm's home. Acc. to John B. Adams, 7/29/1939, the po was 1½ air and 2 rd mi from the Letcher Co. line, 100 ft s of Carr Creek, 30 ft e of Spring Branch of Carr Creek, (1 3/4 mi long stream),
w of Colling (?) Br., a 2 3/4 mi long trib. of Carr Creek, 2 mi e of May po, 4 1/2 mi w of Omaha po. (SLR);
IVAN (Knott Co., Ky): po est. 7/12/1906, Mary Martin; 3/26/1918, McClelland Collins...Disc. 1942 (POR-NA); No Ivan Martin listed in the 1900 Census;
IVIS (Knott Co., Ky): po est. 3/21/1902, Laura A. Hammons; 11/18/1905, Ellen Stewart. 10/17/1912, Sarah Pigman... (POR-NA); Acc. to Mollie Pigman, 3/1911, the po was 5 rods n of T. Creek, 2½ mi e of Hind. po, 3 mi w of Mallie po. In 9/1912, Mrs. Sarah Pigman pet. for a site ch. 1/3 mi e to a pt. 3 mi w of Mallie po, 3 mi e of Hind. po, 1 3/4 mi e of Brinkley po. On 10/10/33, Mrs. Frances Pigman pet. for a site ch. 3/4 mi e to a pt. 30 yds e of T. Creek, 3½ mi w of Mallie po, 4 3/4 mi s of Hind. po, 3 mi se of Brinkley po. Acc. to R.C. Pigman, 7/25/39, it was 50 ft e of T. Creek, 2 mi nw of Mallie po, 2 mi ne of Brinkley po, 4 mi se of Hind. po (SLR); Disc. 1956;
IVIS (Knott Co., Ky): ["a:vəs"] (Tom Sutton, 6/18/79 and Wilma Gayhart); No Ivis listed in 1900 Census;
JENT (Knott Co., Ky): po est. 8/4/1906, Sylvester Jent
Disc. 3/31/1912 (mail to Smithsboro) (POR-NA); Acc. to
Sylvester Jent, 3/31/1906, the 1st name proposed for
this new po was Cinda and it would be 3 mi w of Cody pc
3 mi e of Smithsboro po, 4 mi nw of Theodore po, 1 mi
e of Carrs Fork (stream). (see map) (SLR); Sylvester
Jent, ne 1869, son of Wm. & Nancy Watts Jent, marr.
Lucinda Smith in 1894. He was a storekeeper. (Martha
Caudill in 1995 K. Co. hist., Pp. 301-02); Acc. to
1900 Census, Sylvester Jent (6/76) lived with his wife
Lucindy (8/1876) nr Geo. W. Francis (11/70) & his wife
Melviny (6/71) in Mag. Dist. #2-Carr Acc. to 1910
Census, Sylvester Jent (40) & his wife Lucinda (35)
lived in Lower Carr Prec. #6;
JEPTHA (Knott Co.; Ky): John Madden was the son of Geo. W. and Rachel Madden, and marr. Ruth Bentley. Their son Jeptha (19 yrs. old in 1870) was called Jesse;
JEPTHA (Knott Co.): po est. in Letcher Co. 5/29/1884, Jeptha T. Maddin; into Knott Co. a short time later when founded; Disc. 12/15 1890 (NA); Acc. to Jeptha T. Maddin (sic), 5/12/84, the 1st name proposed for this new po was Irishman (for the creek) and it would be 4 mi n of Carrs Fork (stream), on the w bank of Irishman Creek, 6 mi n of Sassa. po, 6 mi e of McPherson po, 5 mi w of Carrs Fk. po (sic). Not a vil. (SLR); Acc. to 1870 Census, Letcher Co., Jeptha Madden (19) was living with his parents John (39) and Ruth (38) in Prec. #4; Acc. to 1880 Letcher Co. Census, Jeptha Madden (29) and wife Marinda (28) lived in vic. of several other Maddens. No St. Cloud;
JONES FORK OF RIGHT FORK OF BEAVER CREEK
(Knott Co., Ky): (F726ne) Named for John Jones, ne Hawkins Co., Tenn. who came to then Floyd Co. at about 20 yrs. of age, settling first probably on Arnold Fk. of Right Beaver. Then, shortly after 1826, he moved his family to the fork which bears his name. He was one of its first settlers. ("Early Times--Memories of Old Clabe Jones" from "Autobiography of Old Clabe Jones as Told to J.W. Hall" excerpted in TROUBLESOME CREEK TIMES Cent. Ed. 7/25/1984, P. A8:1-3);
KELLYTOWN (Knott Co., Ky): Just above Sassafras. Had a po (which?) and John Mullins Sch. Named for a local family (1995 K. Co. hist., P. 67); The Smithsboro post served Kellytown (Ibid., P. 55); It was just above Sassafras Hol. where its name source George Washington (Wash or "Bowl" for short) Kelley lived. He ran an early mill there and later had a store. (Arlena C. Francis, Knott My Beloved, 1997, Pp. 4-5);
KEZER (Knott Co., Ky): 8/26/89, John M. Gibson...7/11/1904, Riley Casebolt; Disc. eff. 11/15/04 (mail to Hindman) (POR-NA); Acc. to John M. Gibson, 3/25/1887 (?), this proposed po would be 1 mi w of Jones Fk., 8 mi n of Hind. po, 8 mi sw of Lackey po. A rural po serving the countryside. (SLR); Acc. to 1896 Gaz., this place was 8 mi ne of Hind; The 1st po to serve the Jones Fk. val. was Keezer (sic) at the head of the Fork, with Elma (Mrs. John M.) Gibson, its 1st pm. It was later named Terry with Mandy Gibson (Mrs. Lark) Sloane, pm. (1995 Knott Co. Hist, P. 55) (check....);
KITE (Knott Co.): po est. 6/21/1907, Liza C. Martin...(NA); Maybe named for the bird. DK. Check on this possibility. These birds were there in the past but not now. (Tom Sutton, interview, 6/18/1979); Acc. to Liza Cook Martin, 4/1/1906, the 1st name proposed for this new po was Olga and it would be on the w side of Right B. Creek, at the mouth of Bates Branch and across from the mouth of Iron (?) Branch, 4 mi n of Hall po, 5 mi s of Republican po, 7 mi e of Omaha po, serving a vil. of 25.

//Acc. to B.D. Martin, 7/27/39, it was 2 air and rd mi from F. Co., 2½ mi n of Puncheon po, 4 mi s of Topmost po. (SLR); No Olga Cook or Olga Martin listed in the 1900 Census;
KITE (Knott Co., Ky): Neither the Swallowtaile nor the Mississippi Kite were in E. Ky. in the 19th or 20th centuries. (Several Ky. bird books);
LARKSLANE (Knott Co.): PO named for the late Lark Sloane. His widow, Elizabeth Stacy Sloane, sec. & aide to Alice Lloyd & June Buchanan of the Caney Creek Commu. Ctr. and Alice Lloyd Coll., died, age 88, on 2/9/1983. (q.v.) (Obit. in FCT, 2/23/1983, III13: 3); The po was est. in 1948 to serve the upper sect. of Jones Fork, with Eliz. Sloane as 1st pm and named for her husband Lark. She was his 2nd wife. She was succeeded by Phyllis Gibson Waddell until it closed in 1983. (1995 K. Co. hist., P. 55);
LARKSLANE (Knott Co.): Eliz. Slone, Lark's wife, was the pm and she wanted to name it for him. (check if his name was Lark or Larks). DK why Lane. The commu. is nicknamed "String-town". Acc. to informant's daughter and son-in-law, Virginia & Burt Stewart, it looked like a string and they called it Stringtown. Nearly all local people now call it Stringtown (Alpha Sturgill of Larkslane, Ky. nee 11/26/1900, interviewed by Judy Mullins & Sandra Richter, ALC-OH, 8/9/1972);
LARKSLANE (Knott Co.): Named for Lark Slone. There was a lane past his home up the hill to other homes. PO and commu. never had another name. Tom has heard of Stringtown but dk anything about it. (Tom Sutton, interview, 6/18, 1979); ("Lahrx/lan"). Lark's wife was the 1st pm. (Wilma Gayhart, interview, 11/25/1978); Lark Sloane, ne 1881 and died 11/14/1956. A merchant and lifelong Knott Co. resident. Parents' names are not known. Survived by wife Eliz. Sloane and 2 sons. Name source of po. No mention of a Darlene. (FCT, 11/22/1956, P. 3:4);
LARKSLANE (Floyd Co., Ky): Named for Darlene Lark Slone, 75, Knott Co. merchant and farmer, who died at home there on 11/21/1956. (FCT, 11/22/1956, acc. to Ibid., 11/24/76, P. 4:3-4) (ch. on his first name)....

Acc. to Elizabeth S. Sloane, 7/7/1947, this proposed po would be serving a locality called Head of Jones Fork on Ky 80, 30 ft e of Jones Fk, 2½ mi sw of Mousie po, ca. 3½ mi ne of Garner po. (SLR); PO est. 1948 and officially closed in 1985; Recalls seeing, when she was young, a no. of bldgs. strung out in a row along the road. They were owned by a Mr. Bailey but occupied by different families. Hence Stringtown for Larkslane. (Wilma Gayhart, 11/25/78);
LEBURN (Knott Co., Ky): Acc. to Minta Pratt, 8/6/08, this po was 15 yds e of T. Creek, at the mouth of Mill Creek, 4 mi s of Terry po, 2½ mi n of Hind. po, 6 mi nw of Ivis po. Acc. to Helen Maggard, 6/1/1916, the po was 50 yds n of T. Creek, 2½ mi e of Hind. po, 6½ mi ne of Ivis po. On 3/26/25, Ruie Draughn pet. for a site ch. 900 ft e to a pt. 500 ft s of T. Creek, 3 mi e of Hind. po, 8 mi sw of Mousie po. Acc. to Ibid., 7/31/1939, the po was on Ky 80, 200 ft w of Left T. Creek, 2 mi s of Garner po, 2½ mi n of Hind. po, 4 mi e of Softshell po, 5 mi w of Pippapass po. (SLR);
LEBURN (Knott Co.): gro., clothing store, garage...(per. obs., 11/1978); po est. 7/28/1906, Minta Pratt...(NA); ("Lee/bən") DK origin of the name. Could have been someone's given name for it's a common given name in this area (Tom Sutton, interview, 6/18/1979); Not a Knott Co. surname. (Ibid. and Wilma Gayhart, interview, 11/25/1978); No such families are listed in 1900 and 1910 Censuses; No Minta Pratt is listed in either Census;
LICKSKILLET FORK OF RIGHT (FORK OF) BEAVER (CREEK) Extends in a sw direction for c. \( \frac{1}{2} \) m: to join Right Beaver at the Floyd-Knott Co. line, \( \frac{1}{2} \) mi. above (e. of) the Dema P.O., just above the mouth of Caney Fork. Letters of inquiry to Ron Daley, local historians, and the Dema pm were never answered.
LITTCARR (Knott Co.): po originally located in the vic. of the consolidated ele. school. (Lucille Combs, interview, 3/9/1979); Acc. to Bernard B. Smith, 1/3/1922, the 1st name proposed for this new po was Addie and it would be 30 ft w of Carr Fk, (stream), 5 mi from co. line. 2½ mi n of Dirk po, 2½ mi w of Spider po, 4½ mi s of Brinkley po. Acc. to Ibid., 7/26/39, the po was 3 air and 4 rd mi from Letcher Co., 20 ft w of Carr Creek (stream), 3 mi sw of Spider po, 2 mi ne of Carr Creek po. (SLR); Site was once owned by Ambrose Amburgey;
LITTCARR (Knott Co., Ky): "This hamlet with po at the mouth of Little Carr Fk. of Carr Fk. of the N. Fk. of the Ky. R.- is centered at the jct of Ky 140 and 160, 5½ (air) mïs of Hind. The po was est. on 6/23/1922 by Burnard Smith, whose request to name it Little Carr for its location was accepted by the postal authorities on condition that it be shortened to its present form." (Book-P. 175);
LITTCARR (Knott Co.): po est. 6/23/1922, Bernard B. Smith...(NA); Above the water line. Has grown in recent years and the area around it is now thickly populated. Little Carr Bible Chu. (I observed po and 4 stores) (Wilma Gayhart, interview, 11/25/1978); Wiley Branan Smith and his son, Burnard (sic) ran the po. Later succeeded by a daughter, Addie S. Stamper. The late Burnard Smith told informant that he had submitted the name Little Carr (now called Burgeys Creek for the Amburgeys were present owners at one time). He was informed by POD that name was too long and it was shortened to Litt Carr. (sic) For more info. cf O.B. Smith of Mallie. (Lucille Combs 3/9/79)
MALLIE (Knott Co., Ky): po est. 4/24/1895, Thos. J. Craft.... (POR-NA); Acc. to 1900 Census, Thos. J. Craft (ne 2/1867) and wife Tona (3/73) had a daughter Mallie, nee 3/1897; Mallie Gibson ran a xrds store (at or nr the Bath po), at the mouth of Big Doubles of Little Carr Creek. (when?) (Joe Creason, LCJ, 1/8/1971);
MALLIE (Knott Co., Ky): On 3/25/1902, Frances Pigman pet. for a site ch. 1/2 mi nw to a pt. 1/8 mi from T. Creek, 4 1/2 mi se of Hind. po, 4 1/2 mi nw of Pine Top po, 3 1/2 mi e of Brinkley po. In Dec. 1903, Mattie Mullins pet. for a site ch. 3/8 mi e to a pt. 5 1/2 mi e of Hind. po, 3 mi w of Pine Top po, 3 1/2 mi s of Highrock po, 20 yds n of T. Creek. On 12/15/1919, Marson Moore pet. for a site ch. 150 yds e to a pt. 25 ft n of T. Creek, 2 mi e of Ivis po, 3 mi n of Spider po, 4 mi s of Pippapass po. Eff. 1/1/1920. On 10/5/1925, Ibid. pet. for a site ch. 225 yds e to a pt. 25 ft n of T. Creek, 1.8 mi e of Ivis po, 3 1/2 mi n of Spider po, 3.7 mi nw of Pine Top po, 4.2 mi from the co. line. Acc. to Ibid., 7/25/39, it was 3 1/2 air & 6 rd mi from Letcher Co. 30 ft s of T Creek, 2 mi se of Ivis, 3 mi n of Spider.
MALLIE (Knott Co., Ky.) p.o. est. 4/24/1895 with Thos J. Craft, 1st p.m. (Acc. to the National Archives); (Mael/ee) PM recently retired. There's just an officer in charge now. cf Mattie (Mrs. Cordell) Martin. Her mother was pm many years ago. (Wilma Gayhart, interview, 11/15/1978); Elian Fuget is now pm. Mattie Pridmore was the 1st postmistress. cf Mrs. Cordell Martin of Hindman. (Lucille Combs, interview, 3/9/1979); Acc. to 1896 Gaz., this place was 5 mi from Hind. T.J. Craft was pm, N.R. Craft had flour mill. J.M. Prigman (sic) had gen. store. John Spencer was a lumberman;
MAY (Knott Co., Ky): Acc. to Lawrence Watts, 6/12/33, this new po was 50 ft s of Carrs Fk. (stream), 2 mi from the co. line, 2 mi from Pine Top po.// Acc. to Ibid., 8/1/1939, it was 2 air and 4 rd mi from Letcher Co., 50 yds s of Carr Creek (stream), 2 mi w of Ivan po, 4 mi n of Bath po, 2 mi e of Pine Top po, 6 mi s of Pippapass po.// On 1/9/41, Irvin Amburgey pet. for a site ch. 3/4 mi e to a pt. 2 air and 2 1/2 rd mi from co. line, 200 yds n of Carr Creek (stream), 1/2 mi w of Ivan po, 2 1/4 mi e of Pine Top po, 4 mi n of Bath po, 4 mi s of Pippapass po.// In May 1948, Hattie Amburgey pet. for a site ch. 1/4 mi e to a pt. 4 mi w of Omaha po, 3 1/2 mi e of Pinetop po, 300 yds s of Carr Creek (stream). (SLR);
MAY (Knott Co., Ky): The po was operated by John B. Adams who was succeeded by Mrs. Lonnie Amburgey till it closed. PO was est. in 1933 and closed in 1955 (POR). No May families listed in the county's 1920 Census;
MINK (Knott Co., Ky): po est. 10/31/1898, Silas E. Boggs; Disc. 8/26/1899 (papers to Hindman) (POR-NA); Acc. to Silas E. Boggs, 9/13/1898, the 1st name propose for this new po was Boggs and it would be 3 mi e of Emmlena po, 6 mi w of Hind. po, 30 yds n of T. Creek, serving only a country stand. (SLR); Acc. to 1900 Census, Silas (8/1845) lived with wife Mary (2/44) but no Mink;
MOUSIE (Knott Co., Ky): Acc. to Mrs. Ollie Myrtle Gibson, March 1916, the 1st name proposed for this new po was Estill and it would be 30 yds n of Jones Fk., 7 mi sw of the Floyd Co. line, 6 mi e of Leburn po, 8 mi sw of Lackey po, 5 mi w of Raven po. Acc. to Girlie Hayes, 3/8/1918, the po was re-est. and would be called Woodrow, and was 25 yrds e of Jones Fk., 5½ mi sw of Lackey po, 8 mi ne of Leburn po, 2 mi from the co. line. On 4/26/21, Ibid. pet. for a site ch 2 air mi sw to a pt. 300 ft e of Jones Fk., 5 mi from co. line, 5½ mi sw of Lackey po, 7½ mi ne of Leburn po, 4½ mi e of Yellow Mt. po. Reason: town starting to build at the new site. Acc. to Minta Johnson, 7/27/
1930, the po was 4 3/4 air and 5 rd mi. from Floyd Co., on Ky 80, 110 ft e of Jones Fk. Creek, 2 mi s of Lackey po, 6 mi n of Garner po.// On 8/6/1949, Jonathan Combs pet. for a site ch. 250 yds ne to a commu. aka Ball Branch, on Ky 80, 200 ft e of Jones Fk., 5 mi sw of Lackey po, 3 mi ne of Larkslane po, 4½ mi s of Soft Shell po. (SLR); Other Mousie pm's included: Grace Maggard Campbell, Mitchel Johnson, Arminta Johnson, Jonathan Combs, Steve Hicks, and Polly Hicks. (1995 K. Co. hist., P. 55);
MOUSIE (Knott Co., Ky): Acc. to 1900 Census, Clay Martin (9/1860) and wife Rebecca (5/63) lived with their children Kitty (8/86), Mousie (4/94), and Frank (5/85) in Mag. Dist. #3; Acc. to 1910 Census, Clay Martin, a 49 yr. old widower, was living with his children Frank (24), Kitty (25), and Mousie (17); Acc to 1920 Census, Mousie Gibson (27) was living with her husband Moreter (?) (35) Gibson and his brother Estill (23) in Prec. #8--Jones Fork No Ollie Myrtle Gibson listed then. Girlie Hayes (sic) (32) lived with her mother Eliz. Hayes (63), a widow, and her bros. Herschel (20) and Carl (18) nr. her bros. John Hayes (39) and Arlin Hayes (38) in Prec. #8--Jones Fk. Frank Martin (35) also lived in that prec. with his 8 yr. ol son Clay;
Acc. to 1920 Census, Geo. Gibson (43) was living with his wife Olly (42) in Prec. #2--Upper Carr; Mousie Martin, daughter of Clay & Rebecca Martin, marr. Martin Gibson of Mousie. Kitty never married. Clay & Rebecca lived nr. the head of Jones Fk. He was a storekeeper. (W.S. Martin, Martin Family Record: From 1760 to 1963, n.d., P. 216); Acc. to 1900 Cens John M. Gibson (12/69) and wife Elma (4/72) and sons Mor (9/93) and Estill (9/95), etc. No Ollie M. in Mag. Dist. Acc. to 1910 Census, Martin Gibson (16) lived with fathe John M., a 37 yr old widow. But no Ollie;
MOUSIE. (Knott County, Ky.) Another Kentucky community named for a woman is Mousie, also in Knott County. Mrs. Mousie Gibson, nee Martin, the daughter of the local postmaster at the time the post office was founded, is said to have received her name when her grandfather suggested to her parents that since they already had a daughter named Kitty they ought to name their next one Mousie.

And so they did; PO est. 7/31/1916, Ollie M. Gibson; Disc. 6/15/1917 (mail to Lackey); Re-est. 6/10/18, Girley Hayes... (NA); PO
MOUSIE (Knott County, Ky.) (Fl91ne)
"Named for. Mousie Martin, who owned several hundred acres of mountain land surrounding the area where the town is located and 'who worked very hard and pulled several strings to get the post office established and named after her.'"
(Quimby, SCRATCH ANKLE, P. 222, quoting Steve Hiche, postmaster) (the above is not true!)

Mrs. Mousie Gibson died Tues. 6/29/1976, age 80. She was living in Prestonsburg before she passed away. (local radio obit.);

MARTIN — Mrs. Mousie Gibson, 80, Prestonsburg, died Tuesday in Lexington. Funeral, 11 a.m. Friday, Hall Brothers Funeral Home here. 7/2/1976
MOUSIE (Knott County, Ky.)

"Ralph Carter, a teacher from Mousie, tells how Mousie got its name: 'A man by the name of Martin started the first post office on Jones' Fork. He had a little girl named Mousie and he named the post office "Mousie" after his little girl and the name has stayed.'" ("Place Names" by Kathy Fleming, MT. MEMORIES, ALC-OH, Vol. 1 (2), 6/1972, n.p.)

Now: school, 2 gro., 2 fil. stations, po. store, tire store, 2 churches right on Ky. 80 (probably others on side roads)...(pers. ob. 11/1978);
MOUSIE (Knott Co., Ky): "This vil. with po is centered on Ky 80 at the mouth of Ball Branch of Jones Fk. of Right Beaver Creek, 6½ (air) mi ne of Hind. The po was est. on 7/31/1916, some 2 mi up the fork with Ollie M. Gibson, pm, and named for Mousie (Mrs. Mart) Gibson (1896-1976), the daughter of Clay Martin, a large land­owner of that area. The po was later moved to its present location but retained the name. Acc. to Mrs. Gibson, a longtime resident of Martin, her own name was suggested by her grandfather W.J. Martin, since she ha an older sister named Kitty. Mousie, however, is not an uncommon female given name in e. Ky." (Book-P. 206);
MOUSIE (Knott Co.): "There were two sisters living there named Kitty and Mousie and when they sent in the names for the government to decide what the post office would be named they decided on Mousie." (Mrs. Virginia M. Spencer, postmaster of Garrett P.O., in a letter to Wm. G. Steel, 11/11/1925); "Many years ago a small girl, Mousie Martin, daughter of Clay & Rebecca Martin, lived here on Jones Fork. She had one sister Kitty Martin, and one brother, Frank Martin. Their family owned the greater part of the land now considered Mousie. She attended the small ele. sch. in her area. She married Mart Gibson at a very early age."
"About the time of their marriage a p.o. was est. in upper Jones Fork where Mart's father lived. So it was named Mousie, for Mart's wife. Later on, the po was moved about two miles down the creek but the name, Mousie, was kept. The town has grown considerably until it consists of a large ele. sch., two churches, and several stores...." (Donna Campbell, a Jr. at Hindman H.S. in a letter to Allan M. Trout and printed in his col. "Greetings" in the LCJ, 8/8/1967; Trout cf to letter by W.R. Smith of Hindman on origin of Mousie name, 7/31/1967....);
NEALY (Knott Co., Ky): Acc. to N.G. Sturgill; 5/1909, this proposed po would be 2½ mi e of Pine Top po, 4 mi w of Omaha po. (SLR); PO est. 6/4/1909, Nath'l. Sturgill (only); Disc. 9/30/1915 (m. to Pine Top); Acc. to 1910 Census, Nath'l. Sturgill (31), a single man, was living in Dist. #4, Prec. #9; Acc. to 1900 Census, Alex Neely (7/1857) was living in Mag. Dist. #4, but no Nealy; No Nealy families in 1910 Census;
OGDEN BRANCH OF TROBBLE SOME CREEK (Knott Co., Ky): Was derived from Augden, a "contraction of Audubon. (Julia Gunn of the Hindman Settlement School to Leroy Sturdivant, Knott Co. WPA ms. on the fireside industries Ogden Branch and Mountain were originally Audubon for the famed naturalist who once traveled through the area (May Stone);
OGLUN (Auglund) Br. of Troublesome Creek (Knott Co., Ky): "Early settlers learned that 'a birdman named Oglun or something like that' had stayed on this branch...some years before. The man they were talking about was, of course, none other than the famed ornithologist and artist, John James Audubon (1785-1851)" (Terry Cornett, "Local Place Names Are Interesting" MT. MEMORIES, No. 11, Spring-Summer 1978, Pp. 14-5) (Could this be OGDEN BRANCH of Troublesome, Fl16c, Knott Co.? There is no Oglun/Auglund listed elsewhere in my Knott Co. p.n. notes)
OMAHA (Knott Co., Ky): Acc. to Lenna Collins, 10/30/1897, this proposed post office would be on Carrs Creek, 7 mi se of Pine Top po, 4 mi nw of Democrat po, 7 mi e of Rockhouse po. Acc. to Minnie Amburgey, 6/9/1914, it was 25 ft e of Carrs Fork (stream), 2 mi s of Ivan po, 3 mi n of Democrat po, 4½ mi e of Nealy po, ½ mi n of the co. line. Acc. to Ibid., 7/31/1939, it was ¼ air and ¼ rd mi from co. line, 1/10 mi e of Carr Creek (stream), 2½ mi nw of Democrat po, 4 mi e of Ivan po. On 10/14/1948, Kermit Amburgey pet. for a site ch. 1½ mi nw to a pt. ½ mi from the co. line, 2 mi e of May po.
OMAHA (Knott Co., Ky): The name of settlements and/or post offices in Ark, Ga., Ill, Tex., and Neb. (Lippin. ca. 1906) as well as Ky. and Ala. Named either for the tribe or the city in Neb;
OMAHA (Knott Co): po est. 11/30/1897, Lenna Collins... (NA); Dianne (sic) Hall = pm. Had been run by Noah Amburgey & wife. It was just a made-up name. POD instructed the applicants to send only 1-2 syl. names. They submitted a list and the POD chose this from among them. cf Dianne Hall. (Lucille Combs, interview, 3/9/1979) No Lenna Collins in 1900 Census but there was a Tenna' Collins (née 11/1866), wife of Green A, Collins (7/59) in Mag. Dist. #2-Carr; Omaha site was early owned by John Amburgey (Lucille Combs, 3/9/79);
PINE TOP (Knott Co., Ky): Acc. to 1896 Gaz., it had a pop. of 200 and was 7 mi se of Hind. Randolph B. Smith was pm. He was also a patent medicine and sewing mach. agent. Mrs. P. Combes (sic) had a gen. store as did Quin Combes. Wm. Pigman had flour mill, S.B. Smith had a flour mill. Other businesses;
PINETOP (Knott Co., Ky): Acc. to R.B. Smith, 11/26/96, this po, as Pinetop, was 1 1/2 mi n of Carr Fk. (stream) on the e side of Trace Fk. of Carr, 2 mi e of Mallie po, 5 3/4 mi nw of Bath po, 5-6 mi s of Weissert po. On 7/15/1897, S.R. Blair pet. for a site ch. of Pine Top (2 words) 1 1/2 mi se to a pt. on the n side of Carr Fk., 3 3/4 mi se of Mallie po, 4 1/2 mi n of Bath po, 6 1/2 mi s of Weissert po, 3 1/4 mi from Buncombe po. (see map) On 4/5/31, Henry Blair pet. for a site ch. 100 yds n to a pt. on the nw side of Carrs Fk., 2 1/2 mi e of Spider po, 3 mi nw of Ivan po. Acc. to Bonnie Adams, 12/27/32, the po was 200 yds n of Carrs Fk. (stream), 2 1/2 mi ne of Spider po, 3 mi sw of Ivan po, 2 1/2 mi se of Mallie po. Acc. to Nola Adams, 8/3/39,
the po was 150 yds n of Carr Creek (stream), 50 yds s of Branham's Creek, 2 mi w of May po, 2 mi ne of Spider po, 5 mi n of Bath po. (SLR); Acc. to 1883/4 Gaz, it was 20 mi n of Whitesb. on the W. Fk. of the BSR (sic), on Cars Fk. Pop. 200. Randolph B. Smith was pm, A. A. Amburgey had a flour mill and was blacksmith, John A. Craft had a gen. store, Campbell Piggman had a flour mill. John Reynolds was shoemaker. Hardin Slone was cooper. J. B. Smith had a flour mill and was J. P.; Site was early owned by John Amburgey, Rev. War vet. and father of Ambrose Amburgey. (Lucill Combs, 3/9/1979);
PINE TOP (Knott Co.): po est. in Letcher Co. 9/18/1878, Randolph B. Smith. 5/4/1883, Benj. Craft; into Knott Co. when est. (NA); 1st est. on Brahman Creek (at the head of the hol.) The po moved to the mouth of the hol. on Robert Adams' land. John B. Adams rarl the May po. Then Mrs. Lonnie Amburgey until i closed. Pinetop po moved to Honeycutts family at Pinetop with Lorrain Honeycutt Collins; then Chammers (sic) Honeycutt's wife. Now Euria Woods Honeycutt. (Lucille Combs, interview, 3/9/1979);
PIPPA PASSES: This Knott Co., Ky. community, the home of Caney Creek Community Center and Alice Lloyd College, was named by Boston-born educator, Mrs. Lloyd, for the heroine of Browning's poem. Pippa, it may be recalled, was the devout and simple Italian mill girl who, as she passes through her town on New Year's Day, innocently touches the lives of those who hear her songs of joy and fulfillment. As Mrs. Lloyd intended, the name has come to symbolize to several generations of mountain youngsters their great influence over the lives of the people they would serve.
-PIPPA-PASSES (Knott Co., Ky): "This vil. with po, home of ALC, extends ne along the upper reaches of Caney Creek for about a mi. from a pt. 4½ (air) mi e of H. When Alice Geddes Lloyd of Boston est. Caney Creek J.C. here in 1923, among the groups from whom she solicited funds were the Robert Browning Societies of New Engl. They agreed also to build the local p.o. and are said to have suggested its name for the poet's heroine, the devout and simple mill girl Pippa, who, as she passes through her town on New Year's Day, innocently touches the lives of those who hear her songs of joy and fulfillment. The POD's preference for one-word names led to the po's est. on 12/31/17 as Pippapass, a meaningless name retained until July 1, 1955 when pressure brought about a return to the intended spelling. Local people
still call their community Caney or Caney Creek as they always have." (Book-P. 236); Acc. to Ella Mary Geddes, 3/15/1917, the proposed po of Pippapass would serve the Caney Civic Center and this was its 1st proposed name. It would be 50 ft w of Caney Creek 5 mi from the co. line, 7 mi sw of Hollybush po, 5 mi ne of Mallie po, 5 mi se of Leburn po// Acc. to J. Com Sloane, 4/23/18, it was 10 mi from co. line// Acc. t Mattie Pridemore, 9/6/39, the po was 3 mi se of Ky 8C ca. 60 ft nw of Caney Creek, ca. 4½ mi sw of Hollybush po, ca. 3½ mi ne of Mallie po. (SLR);
PIPPA PASSES (Knott Co., Ky): Alice Spencer Geddes Lloyd (1876-1962), Mass-born former newspaperwoman. In 1916 accepted offer of Caney Creek landowner of land for a sch. She and mother arr. to est. sch. that became Caney Creek Com. Ctr. Shortly added high sch. and later (1923) a j.c. to train leaders for the region that became a 4 yr. col. in 1981. (Stephen Douglas Wilson in KY. ENCY. 1992, P. 564); The po wa est. 12/31/1917 and named Pippapass to conform to the POD policy of one word names. It was not till 1955 that the name was ch. to the 2 word form that Mrs. L. preferred. Arthur Lloyd had arr. with the POD, thru his Congressman, for the est. of the po. (Searles, Pp. 49, 163);
PIPPA PASSES (Knott Co.): 8 mi. e. of jct. 80 and the road to P.P. at Garner, Ky. Alice Lloyd from Boston 1916. Est. Caney Creek Comm. Ctr. 1917 and Caney J.C. in 1923...(Highway marker at the jct. acc. to GUIDE, No. 653, P. 81); po est. as Pippapass (sic), 12/31/1917, John Corn Sloan...(NA); Caney Creek was named for the abundant growth of cane on its bank; The Slones were the creek's first settlers;
PIPPA PASSES (Knott Co.): In early 20th cent. the community was called Caney for the creek. It's still called that by local people. Alice Lloyd est. her school and called it Caney Creek Community Center. She named the commu. there Pippa Passes for the epic poem of her favorite poet, Robt. Browning. She died 1962. In 1963 the name of the college was changed to ALC. (Laurel Shackelford, intro. to Verna Mae Slone's "Appalachian Legacy" in CJ&T MAG. 7/18, 1963, Pp. 8ff);
PIPPA PASSES (Knott Co.): July 1, 1955 was the eff. date for the n.ch. Carl Perkins succeeded in getting the POD to replace Pippa pass with with the intended name Pippa Pass. When Alice Lloyd and her mother arr. "the commu. was virtually isolated from transp. and educ., but the 2 women found alert, industrious, and intelligent individuals thirsting for learning. They est...a sch. at what was then known as Caney Creek Commu.... As the sch. developed there was need for a po. Perkins said that the 'grand ladies' obviously adopted as their basic philosophy the text of a Pippa song, 'All Service Ranks The Same With God'... The Browning work is a
play in verse. It tells of Pippa, a naive young girl who hasnt much learning but believes in God. She passes through various situations and, because of her influence, the lives of those she encounters change for the better. The Robert Browning Clubs of America donated the po. building to the community. "Some POD employee sent back the requested name as Pippapass.... (Ed Edstrom, "Poetic Justice Wins Victory at Pippapass", LCJ, 6/11/1955).
...The College represents 'Pippa,' the little girl of Browning's poem who, when she passed, had a pronounced effect on the lives of the people she touched." (Quimby, SCRATCH ANKLE, P. 260, from local postmaster); The Browning Societies of New England donated funds for Mrs. Lloyd's school which was est. on Caney Creek in 1915 and named for the creek. She had written to them for help. They picked the name for the po they built for the commu. The postal workers in Wash. (inadvertently) shortened the selected name to Pippapass...In 1955 Rep. Perkins, a grad. of Caney JC, succeeded in getting a n.ch. to Pippa Passes. Inspired headline of ✳
brief notice in the LCJ, 6/13/1955 "Pippa-pass is Past; Pippa Still Passes". (Ibid.);
Pippa Passes was inc. 1983. Takes in almost exclusively ALC. 90% of its terri. is owned by ALC with students being 90% of its pop. But the po is 150 yds beyond the city limits. Town was named in 1917 by Alice Lloyd. 6th cl. city. Hind. is the co's. only other inc. town. The po serves some 450 non coll. residents, 2 mi. in any direction from the col. (Lee Mueller "Judge Plans to Inc. College Town Pippa Passes" Lex. Her-Lead. 8/2/83, Pp. A1:2-5, A8:1-3); A 6th cl. city with a 1980 pop. of 340 and a 1990 pop. of 195; Ella M. Geddes, the 2nd pr was Alice Lloyd's mother eff. 3/22/1922. On 7/1/55, Pippapass po was officially renamed Pippa Passes;
PIPPA PASSES (Knott Co.): Home of Alice Lloyd Coll. Mrs. Alice Lloyd came from Boston in 1916 when all that was there was the narrow 10 mi. long Caney Creek valley. Found local people with a thirst for knowl. She remained at their request to found a school to train leaders for the App. region. One of her 1st tasks was to convince young people that they could serve and become leaders in their areas regardless of their isolation and econ. condition. Found a "persuasive argument" in Browning's dramatic poem "Pippa Passes." "The mt. youth could easily identify with the poor Italian mill girl who wandered through her
vill. on New Year's Eve singing to herself a song of happiness and fulfillment. Unknown to the girl her lyrics drifted into the homes and hearts of her neighbors and served to change their lives. So effective was this lesson that Mrs. Lloyd took the poem as the name of the community which began to grow up around her school. Originally the community's name was spelled 'Pippapass' because the POD discouraged place names of two or more words. In 1955, however, US Rep. Carl I Perkins, an alumnus of ALC, petitioned the govt. to bend its rule and accept the correct spelling." (In 1970, the commu. includes a po, 2 stores, serv. sta., ALC, and pop. of
c.400. Stringtown commu. strung along Caney Creek...("Pippa Passes: A Poem and a Place" brochure distributed by ALC, c1970);
PIPPA PASSES (Knott Co., Ky): "This name has fascinated me (Came) from Browning's poem, you know, Pippa Passes. You recall Pippa was the name of an Italian girl whose real name was Felippa but people called her 'Pippa.' And she came from Italy over there a little community, and she was a singer; she sang around the community. And she influenced people with her happiness, in her outgoing spirit; she made people happy. And 'passes'—it means that Pippa or Felippa has passed along, singin' her song, and made somebody happy; she influenced somebody. And I suppose Alice Lloyd came down here from Boston, you know, and started that college.
I guess she decided well, we're gonna be a good influence here; we're gonna influence people and make 'em happy. And we'll call this Pippa Passes, as we're Pippa and we're passin' this way. I've developed part of that just from thinkin' about it. It seems like it might be logical that this is sort of what Lloyd Alice had in mind....she was a cripple from spinal meningitis and she lived out her life, I guess, in somewhat misery. And she did have a good name for that place up there. And I guess that name has gotten a lot of money--Pippa Passes. Of course, not many people up there ever thought about the origin of it. I wouldn't
a-thought about it except (that) I was fascinated about it. When I read the story of Pippa Passes and how it got its name. Pippa passes along and made people happy by singin'. Maybe Alice Lloyd thought she was tryin' singin' a happy song. And she did...." (Eugene Siler, Sr., former US Congressman, Ky's. 5th Dist., in his law office in Williamsburg, Ky., interview, 6/23/1978)
PUNCHEON (Knott Co., Ky): Acc. to John Franklin, 2/10/1900, this proposed po would be 3¼ mi e of Omaha po, 7 mi nw of Hall po, 9 mi s of Republican po, on the s side of Puncheon Creek. Acc. to Jethrop Hall, 2/1908, the po (was re-est.) 3 mi w of Hall po, 3 mi s of Kite po, 1 mi s of Right B. Creek. On 10/1/1922, Ibid. pet. for a site ch. ¼ mi sw to a pt. 35 ft w of Puncheon Creek, 3 mi w of Hall po, 3 mi from the co. line. Eff. now. Acc. to Ibid., 7/20/39. the po was 2½ mi s of Kite po, 2½ mi w of Hall po. On 1/17/49, Anna Hampton pet. for a site ch. 400 yds n to a pt. 2½ mi s of Kite po and 2½ mi w of Hall po. (SLR);
PUNCHEON (Knott Co.): po est. 4/4/1900, John Franklin; Disc. eff. 5/31/1901 (papers to Omaha); Re-est. 5/2/1908, Jethro Hall... (NA Used to floor bldgs. with poplar logs. PO est. in one of these old bldgs. Active po. (Tom Sutton, interview, 11/25/1979); Officially closed before Jan. 1990;
RAVEN (Knott Co., Ky): Acc. to Greenville Slone, 3/11 1888, the proposed name for this re-est. po was Glen-len (?) and it would be 7 mi se of Lackey po. Acc. to Green Slone, 2/23/09, it was 1 3/4 mi e of Beaver Creek, on the n bank of Caney Creek, 4 1/2 mi n of Holly Bush po (sic), 1 3/4 mi s of Dema po, 1 3/4 mi from th co. line. On 6/31/39, Jonas Slone pet. for a site ch. 1/4 mi nw to a pt. 300 ft w of Caney Creek, 1 1/2 mi s of Dema po, 1 1/2 mi ne of Pippapass po, ca. 3 mi from the co. line. Eff. 5/22/39. Reason: death of prior pm. Acc. to Ibid., 7/25/39, it was 1 air and 1 1/4 rd mi from the F. Co. line, 300 ft w of Caney Creek, 1 3/4 mi sw. of Dema po, 7 mi nw of Holly Bush po (sic) (SLR);
RAVEN (Knott Co., Ky): ca. 1962: two gen. stores & a fill. sta. Pop. of 73. Ardella Slone, 85, ran the store just below the one rm. sch. (Lower Caney El. Sch) for 50 yrs. Caney Fk. Old Reg. Bapt. Chu. PO was in gro. store. (Esteleen Hall, a resi., in Soc. T.P., Berea Coll., 5/21/1962); Acc. to 1896 Gaz., it was 18 mi ne of Hind., had 2 gen. stores: (1) G. Slone, (2) Morgan Slone; The po closed in 1967 and since then (thru now) it's been a R.B.;
REDFOX (Knott Co.): po est. 3/14/1888, John Hale; Disc. 9/5/1890 (papers to Sassafras) (NA); Re-est. 9/15/1906, Jasper Hale... (NA); ("Rehd fahx") cf Fred Bowen for Redfox. (Wilma Gayhart, interview, 11/15/1978); Willard Johnson of Redfox, Ky. is the son-in-law of Rep. Hays. He is a retired school tchr. Hassie Hale is present pm. (Lucille Combs, interview, 3/9/1979);
RED FOX (Knott Co, Ky): Long a racially integrated commu. 25 mi se of Hazard. Farming area. aka Breeding's Creek. Not a coal town. But many of both races commuted to are mines. The earliest blacks in this vic. wer slaves of white landowners. Some say as earl as 1814. Pop. (1985) is ca. 600, incl. 30 black families. "One black resident...explained to me his version of how (it) acquired it name. He said his grandfather met a red fox in the middle of the road one day. Dogs had been chasing the fox for several days and it was just plumb too worn out to run any further! Thus folks began to call the littl
settlement 'Red Fox.'" Earlier called Breeding's Creek for a white family that came there early in 19th cent. from Va. Such a large family that they dominated that area. The local chu. is called the Little Home Old Regular Baptist Church, an integrated chu. that was est. in 1911. Rev. Lovel Williams is pastor. He is black. Another black resident, Worthy Williams, was co. comptroller in the 1960s and constable in 1969. (Emily Jones Hudson, "The Black Am. Family in SE Ky: Red Fox, Kodak, and Town Mountain" (Loyal Jones, Reshaping the Image of Appal. Berea Coll, 1986, Pp. 136-45)
REDFOX (Knött Co., Ky): Acc. to Jasper Hale, 8/1906, the po was 3+ mi e of Carrs Fork (stream), 3 mi w of Cody po, 3.2 mi e of Witch po, 5 mi ne of Theodore po // Acc. to Mrs. Mary Combs, 10/25/14, the po was 2 mi e of Carrs Fk. (stream), 2 mi e of Cody po, 2 mi w of Amelia po, 1½ mi from the co. line// On 4/24/16, Ibid pet. for a site ch. 1 mi e to a pt. 3 mi se of Carrs Fk. (stream), 3 mi e of Cody po, 5/8 mi (?) sw of Amelia po, 1 mi from co. line. Eff. 5/25/16// On 1/8/1926, John A. Hammonds pet. for a site ch. 1/4 mi e to a pt. 4½ mi w of Cody po, 5 mi e of Bath po, 5½ mi e of Isom po (Letcher Co.), 5 mi e of Carr Creek (stream)// On 3/23/37, Wm. Back pet. for a site ch.
3/4 mi w to a pt. 200 yds se of Breedings Creek, 2 mi se of Cody po, 3-4 mi sw of Ison po, 1 mi from the co. line. Eff. now. On 4/12/39, Ibid. pet. for a site ch. 330 ft w to a pt. 1 air and 3 rd mi from the co. line, 1 mi n of L&N, on the w branch of Sugar Branch, 500 yds s of Breedings Creek, 2 mi e of Carrs Fk. (stream) 2 mi se of Cody po, 5 mi w of Isom po. Acc. to Ibid. 7/25/39, it was 500 yds sw of Ky 15. On 3/22/40, Richmond Sumner pet. for a site ch. 2 3/4 mi n to a pt on Breedings Creek, 4 mi n of Cody po, 2 mi w of Isom po, 1/4 mi from the co. line. Eff. 2/29/1940 (SLR);
REPUBLICAN (Knott Co., Ky): po est. 5/21/1890, Geo. W. Cook. 3/22/1910, Ellis V. Hopkins; Disc. 12/31/1912. (mail to Kite) (POR-NA); Acc. to W.B. Mullins, 2/28/1909, this po was 2 mi from co. line and 4 mi n of Kit po.// In Mar. 1910, no sign. pet. for a site ch. ca. 1 1/2 mi s. (SLR);
Republican (Knott Co.): Used to be just over the ridge from Democrat (on Rock House Creek in Letcher Co.). But it's now called Topmost (Acc. to R. Lee Stewart, as cited by Allan M. Trout in one of his cols. in the LCJ., acc. t GREETINGS FROM OLD KENTUCKY, Vol. 2, pvt. printed in Frankfort and copyrighted in 1959, P. 72); Acc. to 1896 Gaz., this place was 15 mi from Hind. G.W. Cook was pm, Jos. Hall had a gen. store, Sherwood Orsborn (sic) had a distillery;
RITCHIE (Knott Co., Ky): English-born Jas. Ritchie to Va. then to NC. Then settled on Carrs Fk. ca. 1815. After his death his son Crockett was the only member of his family not to return to Va. Crockett and wife Susan Grigsby Ritchie then settled at the mouth of Clear Creek and built their home in Hammonds Gap. His son John marr. a Sizemore and settled on Clear Creek. (in P. Co. hist. compiled by Eunice Tolbert Johnson, Hazard chap. of DAR, 1953, Pp. 229-30); Crockett & Susan Grigsby Ritchie were that family's Knott Co. prog's. (Buck Scalf in T. Creek T, 1984, P. A14:3);
RITCHIE (Knott Co.): Named for an early family in that area. (Hardy's thesis, 1949, P. 49); po est. 1/12/1900, Abbie Ritchie; 4/1/1910, Susan Ritchie... (NA); A Ritchie settlement. Balis Ritchie's people. (Tom Sutton, interview, 6/18/1979); ("Rihch/ee") DPO. Name for Balis Ritchie, 1st pm. It was disc. c. 1974. Acc. to Mrs. Ritchie, (Mrs. Wilson Ritchie), retired pm. She had succeeded her father as pm. Now: store, chu. Thickly settle with many homes. (Wilma Gayhart, Emmalena, Ky interview, 11/25/1978);
RITCHIE (Knott Co., Ky): "This hamlet with recently dpc is on Clear Creek of Troublesome Creek and Ky 721, 5 (ai mi. wsw of H. The po was est. on Jan. 12, 1900 with Abbie Ritchie, pm, and named for the large number of local Ritchies, the descendants of pion. Crockett Ritchie." (Book-P. 252); Acc. to Miss Abbie Ritchie, Oct. 1899, this proposed po would be called Ritchie or Cedar Head(with the latter name x-ed out) and would be 3 mi s of T. Creek, on the s side of Clear Creek, 5 mi s of Dwarf po, 5½ mi from Emmalena po, Not a vil// Acc. to Beatrice Ritchie, 7/26/39, the po was 3 rd mi from Perry Co., 1½ mi from T. Creek, 1½ mi s of Fisty po, 3 mi se of Dwarf po. Clear Creek flows n and past the po. (SLR);
SAINT CLOUD (Knott Co., Ky): po est. 11/27/1891, Jeptha T. Maddin; Disc. 6/23/92 (mail to Hindman) (POR-NA); Acc. to Jeptha T. Maddin, 10/22/1891, this proposed po would be on the n side of Irishman Creek, above the mouth of Trace Fk., 7 mi nw of Pine Top po, 6 mi w of Hind. po. (could this be the site of the earlier Jeptha po?) (SLR);
SASSAFRAS (Knott Co., Ky): "This coal town with po is on Carr Fk. of the N. Fk. of the Ky. R., 7½ (air) mssw of H. On Mar. 27, 1879, Manton Cornett is said to have est. the po under a large sassafras tree at the mouth of Sassafras Creek, a branch of Carr Fk. Around the turn of the cent. it was moved 2 mi down the fork to its present site at the mouth of Yellow Creek, and the commu. bearing its name grew up around it." (Book-P. 264); Acc. to 1883/4 Gaz., this place, then in Perr Co., was a vil. with a po 15 mi from Hazard on Carr Fk. Pop. of 300. Manton Cornette (sic) was pm, Thos. Kelley was storekeeper, Jackson Combs had a flour mill, G.W. Kelley was a gen. storekeeper & miller, Jas. Stacy was a miller, Simon Stacy was a shoemaker; Acc. to 1896
Gaz., this place had a pop. of 200 and was 12 mi sw of Hindman. W.R. Cornett was pm and timberman. Four gen. stores: (1) John W. Combs, (2) Jeremiah Smith, (3) Jas Stacy, (4) G.W. Kelley who also had a flour & saw mill. John Stacy had a saw mill. Other businesses; It was probably named for the profusion of sassafras trees there. Sassafras Sch. aka Yellow Creek Sch. (1995 co. hist., P. 67);
SASSAFRAS (Knott Co.): The po was est. at the mouth of Sassafras Creek and named for the lar...sassafras tree. The move of the po to its present location was made c. 1902 but the exact date in not known. "Politics was why it was moved from one location to another." The commu...is c. 4 sq. mi. in size. Now: apo, 2 chu's., 2 small gro. stores, Sassafras Hardware, Barnettts Plumbing, Sassafras Car Wash., gas. sta., roller rink, upholstery shop, body shop. Fisherman's Rest. Paul's Frosty Freeze, 3 mobile home parks also in the vic. Sassafras was a coal mining town. Its econ. base is stil...coal. (PM, Sassafras, in letter to me, 10/6/1980);
SASSAFRAS (Knott County, Ky.) (F715SW)
or SASSAFRAS (VICCO) (Perry County, Ky.)
(F764C)

"In the late 1800's Manton Carnett established
a post office near the mouth of a small drain,
under the sheltering branches of a huge sassafras
tree. The post office served the
surrounding rural community, and was named
Sassafras. Later the post office was
moved two miles downstream to a small town,
which was as yet unnamed. With the post
office came the name which the village adopted
to become Sassafras, Kentucky." (Quimby,
SCRATCH ANKLE, P. 293, from local postmaster)
SAFFRAS (Knott Co.): Now called Scuddy, Ky
(acc. to Winslow Brasher of Viper, Ky., interviewed by Gary Ferguson, ALC-OH, on 11/14/1971
Brasher was born at Saasafras 9/23/1890, ALC-OH, No. 145); "S(ae)s/a(frås") Coal co. no
longer in operation there. (Estill McIntyre, interview, 7/7/77); po est. in Perry Co. 3/27/
1879, Manton Cornett; into Knott Co. 6/11/1884; by 1902, it was back in Perry Co...1/5/24, Mary
Francis (by then or before, it had returned to
Knott Co.)...(NA);
SASSAFRAS ("Saes/ə/fraes") Not Scuddy. Scuddy is quite a way down from it, past Vicco. (Skuhd/ee and Vihk/oh) Sassa=3rd cl. po. One can't tell when he passes from Sassa to Vicco. The co. line divides them. The upper part is Sassa. They're really like one town. DK when, by whom 1st settled or if anything there before the po was est. Active po and stores and homes. DK that it was ever called by another name but it could have been. (Wilma Gayhart, interview, 11/25/1978); The Sassa po now serves the Anco and Wiscoal area residents. (Lucille Combs, interview, 3/9/1979);
SAFFRAWS (Knott Co., Ky): Acc. to M. Cornett, 10/21/1884, the po was on the n bank of Carrs Fk., 5 mi e of Yellow Hill po (sic), 5 mi w of Carrs Fk. po, 7 mi sw of Jeptha po. Acc. to Jas. D. Stacy, 7/8/1897, the po was 7 mi n of N. Fk. of Ky R., on w side of Carrs Fk. On 7/15/1918, Willie Combs pet. for a site ch. ½ mi e from Perry to Knott Co., 30 yds n of Carrs Fk., ca. 150 yds e of Yellow Creek, 3½ mi w of Smithsboro po, 3½ mi e of Happy po, 4½ mi s of Elic po, 250 yds from the co. line. On 12/10/1937, Mrs. Lottie Smith pet. for a site ch. 300 ft w to a pt. 6 mi ne of N. Fk. of the Ky. R., 300 ft n of Carrs Fork (stream), ½ mi ne of Vicco po, 5 mi w of Smithsboro po, 1 mi s of Wiscoa.
po, ½ mi from the rr sta. at Vicco, 300 ft from the co. line. Acc. to Ibid., 7/1939, it was 400 air ft from the Perry Co. line, 40 ft from the L&N and 1000 ft e of Vicco Sta., 400 ft n of Carrsfork Creek, 1½ mi of Wiscoal po, ½ mi se of Allock po, 5 mi w of Smithboro po. (SLR); Acc. to Jas. Stacy, 10/17/1908, this po moved from Perry to Knott Co. to a pt. 900 ft n of Carrs Fk. & 6 mi n of N. Fk., 4½ mi w of Smithsboro; po, 4½ mi nw of Kodak po, 3 mi e of Happy po, 17 mi fr Hindman po, ½ mi from the co. line. (Perry Co. SLR);
SMITHSBORO (Knott Co., Ky): "The site of this extinct commu. on Ky 15, at the mouth of Smith Branch of Carr Fk...and 6½ (air) mi s of H., is now under Carr Fk. Lake. Its recently dpo, est. on 10/15/1902 with Geo. Francis, pm, was named for the bros. Jeremiah and Thos. Smith, local landowning sons of Wm. & Millie (Combs) Smith, early Perry Co. residents." (Book-P. 274); Smithstown was at the mouth of Smiths Br. of Carr Fk. Med Smith, an early settler, with son John Smith. Hillyard Smith was grandson. But Wm. Smith owned the area around the mouth of Smith Br. and may have been the name source. The nearby Little Smith's Branch (sw of S. Br.) was probably named for his son Will who lived at its mouth. The Smithsboro po served that area. Gen. stores. (Arlena C.
SMITHSBORO (Knott Co., Ky): Named for the family of pion. Wm. Smith. His home in the vic. may have been built before 1821. He was ne 1795, the son of Richard (ne 1771) & Alicia Combs, d. of Danger Nick Combs. Richard & Alicia had settled on Lotts Creek. Wm, their oldest son, marr. Milly Combs, daughter of John Combs, Jr. The family home was relocated for the Carr Fk. lake and was torn down in 1968. (Karen Joyce Calhoun ir 1995 K. Co. hist., P. 38); P&G has this po est. in 1901 (I have it 10/15/1902) [Which?] Acc. to P&G it closed in 1973. I have it disc. for the 1st time in 1912. When was it re-est?
SMITHSBORO (Knott Co.): po est. 10/15/1902, Geo. Francis; 12/31/1902, Granville C. Smith...Disc. 4/30/1912 (mail to Mallie)(NA).

Now under the lake. Only one home left, back up from the lake. cf Ruth Smith. Wilma will ask her for the origin of the name. She had to move when her land was taken for the lake and she now lives at Littcarr. Now some of the residents are returning and building cabins on the lake shore if they still own that land. Ruth is interested in hist. & geneal. cf Guy Collins re- Smithsboro. Stop at the dairy bar on top of the hill. (Wilma Gayhart, interview, 11/18/1978);
SMITHSBORO (Knott Co.): Richard Smith from Va. to Ky. in 1792. To Hazard. Married Alice Combs, 1793. Oldest son was Wm. Smith, ne 1795. He married Millie Combs. Gave each of 10 kids 1000 acres. Two of them, Jeremiah "Jake" and Thomas lived on present Ky. 15. The place was named for them as local landowners. Alice Smith was 1st pm. Bessie (Smith Back was pm when Carr. Fk. (was built) Lake was built and the po closed. Local people now get their mail at Sassafras and Red Fox. Acc. to Ruth Smith. See Bessie Back in Hindman. (Lucille Combs, interview, 3/9/1979);
SMITHSBORO (Knott Co., Ky): Acc. to Geo. Francis, 9/20/1900, this proposed po would be on the s bank of Carrs Fk., 2 3/4 mi w of Cody po, 4 mi e of Sassa. po, 6 mi s of Brinkley po, serving a vil. of 50 pop. 
//On 6/20/1902, Granville C. Smith pet. for a site ch. 2 mi nw to a pt. on the s side of Carrs Fk., 4 1/2 mi e of Sassa. po, 7 mi s of Brinkley po, 4 1/2 mi w of Cody po// On 9/26/22, R.S. Kelly pet. for a site ch. 1 mi e to a pt. 4 yds e of Carr Fk., 2 mi from Cody po 4 mi from co. line// On 2/21/24, Miss Allie Smith pet. for a site ch. 800 yds e to a pt. 30 ft n of Carrs Fk., 1 1/2 mi w of Cody po, 5 mi e of Sassa. po, 4 mi w of Redfox po. Eff. asap.// On 9/21/29, Ibid.
pet. for a site ch. 700 air ft sw to a pt. 250 ft s of Carrs Fk., 25 ft w of Little Branch, 1½ mi w of Cody po, 4½ mi e of Sassa. po, 6 mi s of Brinkley po. (SLR); The Wm. Smith family were the 1st settlers of the Carr Fk. val. betw. Cody & the mouth of Irishman. The commu. takes in Big & Little Smith Branch. Most o
the com. was victim to Carr Fk. Lake relocation. Wm.'s sons, Jeremiah and Thos., owned most of the vic Shade Smith was the son of Jeremiah. Several stores & shops in the 1850s. The po also served Kellytown.
Over 100 families in the S. commu. at its peak. (1995
K. Co. hist., P. 55);
SOFTSHELL (Knott Co.): po est. as Soft Shell 5/4/1926, Sarah Slone...(NA); This po had been the Yellow Mt. po which was named for its site at the foot of Yellow Mt. at the head of Quicksand, some 300-400 yards n. of the road to Vest (see hiway map). Named by Reece Bolen who had applied for the po for his wife Louelza who was to be the 1st pm. It was on the old route to Prestonsburg. It was moved to the site of the present Soft Shell po after the present Ky. 1087 was built to Troublesome. "Soft Shell" was the name applied to Reg'l. Baptists to distinguish them from Hardshell or Prim. Baptists (sic) Active po with Essie Howard, pm. Will be closed when she retires. (Tom Sutton, 6/18/7′)
SOFT SHELL (Knott Co., Ky): po officially closed in 1985; The po was est. in May 1926 with Sarah Triplett Slone, pm. She remained in this position for 35 yrs., with the po in her home. Elmo Slone was longtime mail carrier. The name was suggested by Ambrose Stewart since Sarah was a Soft Shell Baptist. Before the est. of this po, local people got their mail from the Yellow Mountain po. S.S. closed in 1983. Essie Gayhear succeeded Sarah. (1995 K. Co. hist., P. 55); Sarah Slone was S.S. pm till 1961;
SOFT SHELL (Knott Co., Ky): "This po on Ky 1087 and Balls Fk. of Troublesome Creek, 4 (air) mi nne of H., was est. on 5/4/1926 with Sarah Stone, pm, and given the name popularly applied to the Reg'l. Baptists to distinguish them from the Hard Shell or Primitive Baptists." (Book-P. 275); Acc. to Sarah Slone, 8/2/1924, the 1st name proposed for this new po was Ball and it would be 20 yds e of Balls Fk., 2 3/4 mi se of Yellow Mt. po, 6 mi sw of Mousie po, 4 3/4 mi from Bolyn po. // Acc. to Mrs. Sarah Slone, 7/25/39, it was 4 ½ mi sw of Jones Fk., 4 ½ mi w of Mousie po, 3 mi e of Yellow Mt. po. (SLR);
✓ SPIDER (Knott Co., Ky): Acc. to no sign., Mar. 1910, this proposed po would be on Carr Fk., 3 mi sw of Pine Top po, 4 mi ne of Dirk po, 5 mi nw of Bath po. Not a vil. // On 7/23/1934, Mrs. Mary L. Pratt pet. for a site ch. ca. 3800 ft e to a pt. 100 yds n of Carr Creek (stream), 4½ mi nw of Bath po, 3 mi se of Mallie po, 2 mi s of Pine Top po, 5 mi from co. line. // Acc. to Thelma B. Richardson, 7/5/49, this po was re-est. and moved 1/8 mi e to a pt. 1/8 mi n of Carr Creek (stream), 4 mi w of Pinetop po, 3 mi e of Littcarr po, 4 mi s of Mallie po, 6 mi nw of Bath po. (SLR);
SPIDER (Knott Co., Ky): Mary Eliz. (Liz) Pigman Gilbert (Mrs. Hiram Gilbert) succeeded Betty Banks as pm and ran it in her home at the mouth of Steer Fk. (1995 K. Co. hist., P. 335); The po was est. 4/21/1910 with John Banks, 1st pm, 1/16/14, Bettie Banks ... Disc. 1957 (POR-NA); Isaac & Frankie Smith and their children from Va. settled on Carr Creek before 1884. Their son, Wm. Branam Smith, marr. Catty Childress in Floyd Co. on 1/8/1820. Their son Emory marr. Susan, the d. of Ambrose and Dianah (Adams) Amburgey. Betty Jane Branham Smith Banks was d. of Emory & Susan. John Banks (ca. 1911) wrote the POD and rec'd. a form to apply for a po. Oliver Stamper, son of Betty Banks by her 1st marr., helped to select the names of the Spider and Cricket po's. Spider was
chosen and Betty became pm. (Lucille Combs, 3/9/79); Acc. to 1910 Census, John Banks (30) and his 2nd wife Bettie (35) lived in the Upper Carr Prec. #2; Check on this: Walter Pigman, ne 1887, son of Wm. & Eliz. (Crase) Pigman, was called "Spider". They may have lived in the Betty Troublesome area. (Delores Jean Olsen, PO Box 250, Rochester, Wash. 98579 in Ky. Anc. Vol. 23 (3), 1988, P. 228);
SPIDER (Knott Co., Ky): Earliest on, it was at the mouth of Smith Br. of Carr Fork; Acc. to Robert C. Young of Hindman, as this branch approached the main stream, it broke up and went in 4 or 5 different directions, reminding people of a spider. That's what he'd heard. (Tele. interview, 3/24/2000);
SYLVESTER (Knott Co., Ky): po est. 2/15/1900, Preston Caudill; 8/2/1900, Alexander L. Caudill; Disc. 9/15/1904 (mail to Omaha) (POR-NA); Acc. to Preston Caudill, 11/20/1899, this proposed po would be 4½ mi nw of Omaha po, 7 mi e of Pinetop po, 8 mi s of Raven po. On 6/29/1900, Alamander Caudill pet. for a site ch. 1½ mi e to a pt. 8 mi s of Raven po, 2 mi s of Caney Creek. (SLR); Acc. to 1900 Census, Preston Caudill (5/1871) with wife Margaret Cornett (?) (3/75) but no Sylvester; No Sylvester families listed in the 1900 Census;
No Sylvester Caudill in Xrds. Jarvey, ne 1849, bro. of Preston and son of Abijah and Eliz., did not have a son named Jarvey;
TALCUM (Knott Co., Ky): Acc. to Levi Collins, 1/17/1903, the 1st name proposed for this new po was Ball (with instructions by the applicant to "change to suit the dep't."). It would be on the n side of Balls Fk. of Troublesome Creek, 5 mi e of Troublesome po, 5 mi r of Dwarf po, 6 mi nw of Emmalena po.// Acc. to Ida Francis, 2/16/19?, in her app. to re-est. the po, it would 300 ft s of Ball (sic) Fk., 5 mi n of Fisty p 7 mi w of Vest po, 2 mi from co. line.// Acc. to Ibid. in 1917 it was at same place// In Nov. 1920, Ibid. pet. for a site ch. 150 yds nw to a pt 40 yds n of Ball Fk., 2 mi from co. line. Eff. 12/1/20, to be nearer the highway// On 12/9/21, Lee Combs, asst. pm, pet for a site ch. ½ mi e to a pt. 200 ft s of Balls F
5 mi n of Fisty po, 5 mi e of Dwarf po// Acc. to Talbert Fugate, 7/28/39, the po was 1½ air and 2½ rd mi from Perry Co., 4 mi n of Ky 80, 100 ft n of Ball Creek, 5½ mi n of Fisty po, 5½ mi ne of Dwarf po.// On 11/29/44, Susan Fugate pet. for a site ch. 400 yds nw to a pt. 100 yds e of Ball, 4 mi nw of Fisty po, 5 mi e of Ary po, 1½ mi e of co. line. (SLR);
TALCUM (Knott Co.): po est. 2/25/1903, Levi Collins... Disc. 2/15/1913 (mail to Trouble­some); Re-est. 4/21/1917, Mrs. Ida Francis; 12/22/1921, Talbert Fugate...(NA); ("Tael/kɔːm") (Gayhart and Sutton). Active po. Now at the mouth of Roaring Branch. Moved several times since its orig. site up the creek. Thinks the name has to do with cosmetic face powder. (Tom Sutton, interview, 6/18/1979); PO officially closed in 1994. (Sweaney, 11/8/99); Acc. to 1900 Census, Levi Collins (1/70) and wife Delilah (5/61) lived in Mag. Dist. #4, but no Talcum;
TANA (Knott Co., Ky): po est. 5/23/06, Geo. W. Francis
Disc. 12/28/1907, eff. 1/15/1908 (mail to Smithsboro)
(POR-NA); Acc. to Geo. Washington Francis; 3/23/1906,
the 1st name proposed for this new po was Vina and it
would be on the e side of Carrs Fk., 2 mi e of Smiths-
boro po, 2½ mi w of Cody po, 4 mi s of Kodak po. (SLR);
Acc. to 1900 Census, Geo. W. Francis (11/70) and wife
Melviny (6/71) lived in Mag. Dist. #2--Carr, but no
Tana. Lived nr. Sylvester Jent & his family; Acc. to
1910 Census, Geo. W. Francis (39) and wife Melvina
(38) lived in Lower Carr Prec. #6 but no Tana;
TERRY FORK OF BALL CREEK (Knott Co., Ky): Settled by Marion Stamper who marr. into the Stewart family. (Acc to Shirley Williams, LCJ, 9/23/1984, P. H1:1);
TERRY (Knott Co., Ky): po est. 5/26/1908, Amanda Slone; Disc. 3/31/1912 (mail to Leburn) (POR-NA); Acc. to Amanda Slone, 4/1908, the 1st name proposed for this new po was Ada and it would be 8 mi sw of Right Beaver Creek, 7 mi sw of Lackey po, 5 mi nw of Hollybush po. Acc. to same, 8/10/08, the po was on the e bank of Jones Fk., 7 mi s of Lackey po, 7½ mi n of Leburn po, 5 mi sw of Raven po, 6 mi from the Floyd Co. line. (SLR); The area served by the Kezer po was later served by the Terry po. Mandy Gibson (Mrs. Lark) Sloane was pm. Then the po became Mousie in 1916. (1995 K. Co. hist., P. 55); Acc. to the 1900 Census, the Clay Martin family lived nr Riley Terry (8/65) & his wife Helen (4/65) in Mag. Dist. #3);
TESTER (Knott Co., Ky): Acc. to Geo. Allen, 3/6/09, the po was 106 ft s of Laurel Fk. of Quicksand Creek, 4 mi e of Baker Fk., 4 mi ne of Vest po, 8 mi ne of Decoy po (?) and the co. line.// Acc. to Newton Watkins Jan. 1913, it was 4 mi e of Decoy po, 8 mi w of Elmrock po (SLR); PO est. 1/18/1902 with Newton Watkins... 10/26/1912, Ibid. Disc. 12/28/1914 (mail to Vest) (POR-NA); Was one mi on the Vest side of the mouth of Baker Fk. and was named for a big tomcat. (Tom Sutton, 6/18/1979); No Tester families in 1900 Census; Acc. to 1900 Census, Newton Wadkins (12/1861) lived with wife Rosana (1/72) but no Tester, in Mag. Dis. #4;
THEODORE (Knott Co., Ky): po est. 11/10/1905, Henry Blair; 2/5/1910, John Blair; Disc. 7/31/1913 (mail to Red Fox) (POR-NA); Acc. to Henry Blair, 9/16/1905, this proposed po would be 7 mi n of the Ky R., on the s side of Defeated Branch (sic), 3 mi s of Cody po, 4 mi nw of Jeremiah po, 5 mi w of Witch po/ Acc. to Ibid., Dec. 1907, it was 4 mi sw of Redfox po, 3.1 mi s of Cody po, 4½ mi w of Jeremiah po, 3.1 mi s of Carsfork (sic) (stream), serving a vil. of 250. (SLR);
(Knott Co.): po est. 11/10/1905, Wiley A. Combs. Disc. 1/31/1914 (mail to Hindman) Re-est. 9/4/1920, Elvira Everage... (NA); (Tahun eye/nə) Active po and store. Named for one of a group of young girls but doesn't recall her name or anything else about her. She then lived on Montgomery Creek. (Tom Sutton, interview, 6/18/1979); In the route-way of the new hiway 80 so it's gone now. cf John Hicks, Hindman pm. PO disc. 10/6/1978 with mail to Emmalena. Now only a store. Geo Everage was the last pm. Now on star rte, Emmalena. It was named for the wife of some senator. Wilma will call Geo. about this... Jean Everage, George's d-in-law, was the
Officer-in-charge until it closed...(Wilma Gayhart, Emmalena, Ky. interview, 11/25/78);
Acc. to 1900 Census, Wiley A. Combs (ne l/60) lived with wife Mary J. (11/63) in Prec. #1, but no Tina;
Acc. to 1910 Census, Wiley A. Combs (50) lived with wife Jane (45) but no Tina; Acc. to P&G, the po
closed in 1984; Could Tina be short for Clementine? Clementine (Tina) Combs was the wife of John W. Combs a Hind. pm. (Faye Combs Estep in T. Times Cent. ed., 1984, P. C16:1-3); How was Wiley A. related to John W? John Wesley Combs, Clementine's husband, was a state sen. from Perry Co. in the 1870s;
TINA (Knott Co., Ky): Acc. to Wiley A. Combs, 7/18/1905, this proposed po would be ½ mi e of Montgomery Creek, 5 mi se of Talcum po, 5 mi ne of Emmalene po, 6 mi sw of Vest po.// In Mar. 1910, Mary Mosley pet. for a site ch. 1 mi w to a pt. 7 mi w of Hind. po// Acc. to Elvira Everage, 4/5/1917, it was 3 mi n of T. Creek, 4 mi ne of Emmalena po.//On 5/14/23, Maggie Everage pet. for a site ch. to same as above and 4 mi w of Hind. po. Moved on 2/28/1923// On 6/17 1925, Lewis Everage pet. for a site ch. ½ mi w to a pt. 3 mi n of T. Creek, 10 ft w of Montg. Creek, 5 mi se of Emmalena po (?), 3½ mi nw of Hind. po, 6 mi sw of Vest po. Eff. 6/25/25 for greater patron convenience/ On 8/3/1928, Mrs. Maggie Everage pet.
for a site ch. 1397 yds e to a pt. 3 mi e of T. Creek, 4.22 mi e of Emmalena po, 5 mi w of Hind. po, 6 mi sw of Vest po. Eff. now. (she signed her name Everidge and listed herself as acting pm) // On 5/14/1931, Maggie Everage (sic) pet. for a site ch. 200 yds w to a pt. ca. 3½ mi e of T. Creek, 5.13 (less 450 yds) mi e of Emmalena po, 4 mi w of Hind. po. // On 9/14/1936, Mrs. Amelia Perkins pet. for a site ch ½ mi w to a pt. 2½ mi e of T. Creek, 3 mi e of Emmalena po, 7 mi w of Vest po. Eff. 9/1/1936 // On 11/13/1939, Leslie Patrick pet. for a site ch. 0.83 mi e to a pt. 50 ft s of Montg. Creek, 5.46 mi e of Emmalena po, 5.7 mi w of Hind. po. // On 6/7/1948, Iland Deaton pet. for a site ch. ¼ mi e to a pt. 25 ft n
of Montg. Creek, 4 mi e of Emmalena po, 7 mi n of Carrie po, 8 mi s of Vest po, 12 mi w of Hind. po. //
On 2/21/1950, Iland Patrick pet. for a site ch. 100 yds e to a pt. 4 1/2 rd mi from Perry Co., 3 mi e of Ky 80, 25 ft s of Montg. Creek, 10 mi w of Hind. po, 4 mi e of Emmalena po, 7 mi n of Carrie po. (SLR);
William

John W. Combs was the son of Lorenzo (Carnegie Bill) Combs (1809-1879) and was born at the mouth of Montgomery Creek (Josiah Combs, *The Combs Geneol.* 1976, Pp. 79-80); John W. Combs, ne 1857 on Montg. Ck, in Perry Co., marr. Clementina, daughter of Jehu Cody in 1876. She was ne 1859 on Lotts Ck. Her mother Matilda was the daughter of Wm. Smith, bro. of Tom Smith, sons of Richard Smith. Wm. marr. Nancy (Alicia) Combs, daughter of Danger Nick. Tom Smith lived at the mouth of Smith Br. John W. and Clementina were the parents of Josiah (PhD). After the marr. they settled at the mouth of Trace Fk. of Irishman. 3 yrs later they moved a mi up Trace. In 1881 they moved to the mouth of Irishman.
John W. was elected sheriff of Perry Co. 1884, 1886. They moved back to the mouth of Irishman in 1887. Clementina (called Tina) died in 1909. They did not have a child named Wiley A. Her sister Malvina was called Vina. She marr. Jas. Breeding, son of Elisha Breeding. They were the d. of Matilda and Jehu Cody. (Josiah Combs, P. 135);
TOPMOST (Knott Co., Ky): Acc. to Della Hopkins, 12/10/1920, the 1st name proposed for this new po was Tater for it would be serving the locality of Tater Creek, 200 yds e of Right Beaver Creek, 5 mi w of Dry Creek po, 4 mi n of Kite po. On 2/1/1927, Ernest Hall pet. for a site ch. 250-300 yds n to a pt. 50 ft w of Right B. Creek, 1½ mi from co. line, 4 mi n of Kite po, 3 mi w of Dry Creek po, 6 mi e of Holl bush po. Eff. 2/15/1927. On 2/7/36, Daisy Hopkins pet. for a site ch. 1 1/3 mi w to a pt. 2 air and 4 rd mi from Floyd Co., 100 yds s of Right B. Creek, on Potato Branch, 4 mi ne of Kite po, 7 mi sw of Dema po, 7 mi s of Raven po. On 5/10/48, Mrs. Mabel Collins pet. for a site ch. 200 yds e to a pt.
100 ft e of Right B. Creek, 150 yds w of Dry Creek (stream), ca. 3 mi n of Dry Creek po, ca. 3 mi e of Kite po, 9 mi sw of Dema po, ca. 8 mi s of Raven po. Once known as Republican. (SLR);
TOPMOST (Knott Co., Ky): The commu. now called Topmost was, ca. 1898, called Republican till 1910. From 1911 till 1922 local people got their mail from the Dry Creek and Dema p.o.'s. The Topmost po was est. in 1923. Acc. to trad., it was named for the practice of "mail carriers putting mail on top of fence posts for the customers." Actually, they wanted to call it Toppost but residents objected so it was called Topmost instead. The office was 1st located in a small plank country store bldg. on the w side of Potato Br. Rd. Daisy Hopkins ran the po till 1927 when she moved t Catlettsb. Ernest Hall moved the po to his home. Dewey Cook later moved it to his store on Dry Creek, conti-
tinuing to call it Topmost. Daisy returned from Cat. and moved the po to her newly built country store nr Potato Branch Rd. She ran the po again from 1936 to 1948. Then Mabel Collins from 1948-58. Then Bruce Caudill from 1958-1973. Then Rexine Robinson Campbell from 1973-80. Then Annette King from 1980-7/2/1999. Succeeded by Mary (Liz) Crider. Its present building, on Ky. 7, was dedicated in 1969. (JoAnn Huff, Raven, Ky., letter to me, 1/5/00);
TOPMOST (Knott Co.): po est. 5/12/1923; Della Hopkins... (NA); ("Tahj'mohst") (Wilma Gayhart 11/15/1978);
Troublesome Creek: "...got its name from the trouble a man and his wife had along its water. (Jimmie Faulkner, Ingram, Ky., one of Leonard Roberts' folklore students at Union College, 1955-6.); c. 40 mi. long; Aptly named for the troubles caused by overflooding. (May Stone); "It is said that the man who followed its course found it difficult to follow the horseshoe and hairpin turns to Hindman where two small streams forked to form the main stream." (Arlena Collins Francis, Knott My Beloved, ed. by Wm. Henry Young, 1997, P. 2);
TROUBLESOME CREEK (Knott Co., Ky): A little boy once said "We live on Troublesome Creek and it's troublous times we have when a tide comes in." (Acc. to Mrs. Stone for WPA); Early records referred to Betty's Troublesome;
VEST (Knott Co., Ky): Acc. to Wm. Griggsby (sic), 11/21/1887, the 1st name proposed for this po was Ball and it was 9 mi nw of Hind. po, on the e side of Ball Fk. Not a vil.// Acc. to J.D. Sutton, 2/22/09, it was 75 ft n of Ball Creek, 7 mi n of Hind. po, 5 mi s of Tester po.// On 4/4/1931, John D. Martin pet. for a site ch. 200 ft w to a pt. 150 ft w of Ball Fk., 3 mi sw of Yellow Mt. po, 5 mi s of Elmrock po.// Acc. to Zella Sutton, 7/25/1939, the po was 300 ft w of Balls Fk., 7 mi w of Hind. po. (SLR);
VEST (Knott Co.): ("Vehst") DK when/by whom lst settled. Thinks there was something there before the po was est. DK if it ever had another name. cf Tom Sutton. She'll call and inquire for me. Tom's late wife was pm and his daughter is now. They had a gen. store. Now: store, po, craft shop, commu. ctr. and homes. DK who named for. (Wilma Gayhart, interview, 11/25/1978);
VEST (Knott County, Ky.) Named for a post office inspector. (Kathy Fleming, ALC-OH student in MT. MEMORIES, Vol. 1 (2), 6/1972, n.p.). At the time the po was est., a Mr. Vest, the PO inspector, was visiting. People lookir for a name decided to use his. (Tom Sutton, interviewed by Kenny Slone & Josie Ann Dye, ALC-OH, 6/20/1971); PO est. 1/31/1886, Wm. Grigsby... (NA); Named for the postal inspector sent in to validate the need for a PO there and to set it up. DK where he was from or his 1st name. Patricia (Mrs. Hiram) Bradley is now pm. Now: PO, store, consold. ele. school... (Tom Sutton, interview, 6/18/1979);
VEST (Knott Co., Ky): "This hamlet with po is on Ky 1087 and Balls Fk. of Troublesome Creek, 3½ (air) mi n of H. The po was est. on 1/31/1886, with Wm. Grigsby, pm, and named for the postal inspector who had been sent to validate the need for a po and who stayed to assist in its est. Nothing else is known about him." (Book-P. 304); Acc. to 1896 Gaz., this was a country po, 9 mi nw of Hind, serving 3 gen. stores: (1) Jasper Campbell, (2) F.S. Martin & Co., (3) J.D. Martin; In ca. 1975, Sutton's store was operated by Hiram & Pat Bradley. She was then pm;
WATTS FORK Of Left Fork of Troublesome Creek (Knott Co., Ky.) (F321c) Named for one or more local families. (See Debra Watts who "lives near her ancestral home in the Watts Fork area of Knott Co. She's 28 years old and works as a printer in Pippa Passes." Is one of the community columnists for the LEXINGTON HERALD-LEADER. (Acc. to Ibid., 1/23/1985, P. A7:4)
WEISSERT (Knott Co., Ky): po est. 10/31/1892, Jarvy Caudile (sic)... 5/17/97, Noah Slone; Disc. 9/9/97 (papers to Mallie) (POR-NA); Acc. to Jarvy Caudill, Jr., 10/11/1892, this proposed po would be 150 yds e of Caney Creek, 5 mi n of Pinetop po, 5 mi due s of Raven po, 3 mi w of Stick po. (SLR); Acc. to the 1896 Gaz., this place was 10 mi from Hind. Milton Owens was pm; No Jarvy Caudill (any spelling) was listed in the Knott Co. Census; Acc. to Clayton Cox App. Xrds, Vol. 2, Ch. 50, Pp. 719ff, Jarvey Caudill, the son of Abijah & Eliz. A. (Slone) Caudill, was ne 1849 and mar. Louisa Osborne He's listed in the 1870 Floyd Co., 1880 Pike Co. and 1900 John. Co. Censuses. Bro. of Preston Caudill (1837- who mar. Aray Mullins & Martha Osborne. Another Jarvey
Caudill, ne 1869, was the son of Harvey & Sarah (Mullins) Caudill;
WISCOAL (Knott Co., Ky. (F715sw)
Named for the Wisconsin Coal Co. (R. Gregory Caudill & Shelby W. Nease, "Railroad Recollections" in RECOLLECTIONS: A Journal of the Appal. O.H. Proj. at Lee's J.C., Jackson, Ky., Vol. 1 (4), Summer, 1975, P. 25); the coal co. was est. by a man who came from the state of Wisconsin. (Hardy's thesis, 1949, P. 27); pò est. 5/22/1929, Edward H. Griffith...(NA)
Est. because the Wisconsin Coal Co. needed a post off. Named for the co. Closed when the mines were worked out and transp. became fast er. Now served by Sassafras. (Lucille Combs, interview, 3/9/1979);
Closed op. in 1953.
WISCOAL (Knott Co., Ky): "This coal town with epo and L&N RR sta. is on Ky 1088 and Yellow Creek, 7 (air) mi ssw of H. It was named for the Wisconsin Coal Co. which had a mine and offices there. The Wiscoal PO was est. on 5/22/29 with Edward H. Griffith, pm, and closed when the mines did." (Book-P. 322); Acc. to E.H. Griffith, 9/19/1929, this po was 80 ft w of the L&N RR tracks, serving Wiscoal Sta., 1 1/4 mi from co. line. On 4/25/38, Mildred C. Blair pet. for a site ch. 300 ft n to a pt. 1/4 air & 3/4 rd mi from co. line, 1/2 mi s of Anco po, 3/4 mi n of Sassa. po, 2 mi e of Allock po, 5 mi w of Amburgey po (all rd mi), 125 ft e of Yellow Creek Branch (sic). (SLR);
WITCH (Knott Co., Ky): Legend of the local woman accused of being a witch. (Robert C. Young, Hindman, Ky tel. interview, 3/24/2000);
WITCH (Knott Co., Ky): Po est. 11/12/1892, Jasper Hale ...3/15/1912, Mary Combs; Disc. eff. 9/30/1912 (POR-NA); On 6/24/1903, James Breeding pet. for a site ch. 2 mi e to a pt. 4 mi e of Cody po, 2 mi nw of Isom po, 7 mi n of Ky. R., on the s side of Breedings Creek/\ In May 1910, Tina Madden (sic) pet. for a site ch. ¼ mi ne to a pt. 4 mi e of Cody po, 2 mi ne of Redfox po 3 mi nw of Isom po, 4 mi e of Carson po. (SLR); Acc. t 1896 Gaz., this was 10 mi from Hind. Jasper Hale was pm and mason, Noah Jent had flour mill, Wm. Johnson was a cooper. Other businesses;
WITCH (Knott Co.): DPO. "During my first summer in Knott Co., when we asked district tchers. which of them would like one of the Traveling Libraries (then sent out by the Ky. Fed'n. of Clubs), one gave his address as 'Witch, Ky.' When I was not sure I heard him right and asked again, he said: 'Didnt you ever hear tell of them witches at Salem? I named it for them witches.'" (May Stone, "The Orig. of Names of Places & Streams in Some E. Ky. Co's.", DAR ms, 1941)
YELLOW CREEK (Knott Co., Ky): po est. 10/9/1909, Geo. E. Francis; Disc. 12/31/1911 (mail to Sassafras) (POR-NA); Acc. to G.E. Francis, 8/1909, this proposed po would be 3 mi of Sassafras po, 2 mi e of Elic po. (SLR); After this po closed, local people got their mail from the Anco po (q.v.) [Yellow Creek] (Wilma Gayhart 7/1979); Yellow Creek was mentioned in a ca. 1851 tax list. Archable Cornitt owned 900 acres here;
YELLOW MOUNTAIN (Knott Co.): po est. 3/30/1909, Reece F. Bolen; 3/19/1910, Louelzia Bolen...(at least by 1930) (NA); Disc. 1951; Acc. to R.T. Nolin (sic), 1/1909, this proposed po would be on Ball Creek, 3 mi e of Vest po. // Acc. to Ibid., 10/9/15, it was ½ mi ne of Balls Fk, 8 mi from co. line, 4 mi ne of Vest po, 7 mi sw of Handshoe po. // Acc. to Lonelz -? or Lovely (?) A. Balm (check), 8/1/1939, it was 7 air and 8 rd mi from the Mag. Co. line, ½ mi e of Balls Fk., 3½ mi e of Vest po, 6 mi sw of Handshoe po, 2½ mi nw of Soft Shell po, 5 mi e of Elmrock po. (SLR);
Aptly named Knott Co., Ky. streams: Cave Branch, Possum Trot, Push Back, and Brush Creek. (Acc. to Mrs. Stone for the WPA;
George M. Breeding (1851-1933) married Rachel Amburgey (1854-1940) and lived on Breedings Creek in Knott Co. He was the son of Elisha and Malinda (Stamper) Breeding of Breeding Ck, Knott Co. Elisha died in 1863. Among George and Rachel's children were: Wesley (ne 1875), William (1879-1939), Arminta (nee 1881), Francis (ne 1890), John W. (ne 1893), Mallie (nee 1896) who marr. Geo. Bixler and lived in Brewster, Ohio. (Descendants of Joseph Stamper, 1750-1826, by Oliver Stamper, 1945. (In Knott Co. Public Library's Vert. Files as either a printed book or a pamphlet);
Elisha Breeding owned some 8,000 acres on Breedings & Rockhouse Cks. On his death his land was divided among his children, with Geo. & Rachel (Amburgey) heiring the family home on Breedings. Jas. & Vina (Cody) got land at the head of Breedings. (Frazier's Combs family book, Pp. 114-15); Malvina (called "Vina") (Mrs. Jas.) Breeding was a daughter of Matilda and Jehu Cody and sister of Clementina (Mrs. John W.) Combs. (Josiah Combs, P. 136 of the 1976 edition);
Samuel Cornett was son of pion. Wm. Cornett (Acc. to Elijah Combs Cornett, Wm's. grandson, interv. by J.J. Dickey on 4/27/1898. (KY EXPL. Vol. 12 (10), 4/1998, P. 88);